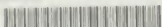


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MAKING A NAME for Valparaiso High School is the school sign, which was donated by the Class of 1987. Located on the front lawn, it welcomes students, faculty and visitors to VHS.

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Finding a little *elbow-room* in a stifling crowd

By Jennifer Barker

Crowded classrooms, crowded lunchrooms, crowded hallways . . . ah, the trials and tribulations of life at Valparaiso High School. Increasing class size made it easy to get lost in a sea of students, and we, the 1836 students, staff, and faculty members, struggled to gain a little recognition apart from the crowd.

The class of 1991 quickly settled into the high school, following in the footsteps of last year's pioneer freshmen. Enrolling in freshman-

only classes and cheering its own football team through another successful season, the freshman class set out to make its mark.

Sophomores, on the other hand, were no longer the new kids on the block. Mingling with upperclassmen and seniors alike, they attended prom for the first time and joined clubs and activities that allowed them to emerge as individuals after a year of desperately trying to fit in.

Juniors finally made the big jump, reaching the crucial year in which everything counts. They were the first to feel the effects of the new 38 credit requirement for graduation, as compared to seniors' 35 credits. They began to look beyond

the next soc-hop, concentrating on SATs and the seemingly endless college search.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors also participated in the three-day Indiana State-wide Testing for Educational Progress, or ISTEPs.

Senioritis plagued the school once again as seniors found themselves at the head of the class. They assumed the leadership role, holding top positions in many teams, clubs, and special interest groups. They prepared for the final stretch and counted the days until graduation, eager to move into the "adult world."

Having found a place for ourselves in the confusing mob of people, we began to concentrate on the big picture. We edged our way through the crowds, headed in our own directions, and set out to make a name for ourselves.



TAKING A BREAK from powderpuff action, seniors Val Pizzuti and Penny Ryan hope for a play that will put their team on top. That play never came as the juniors beat the seniors 6-0. The annual Powderpuff Game was part of Homecoming week's festivities.

SPEED AND SURE hands allowed senior Steven Mueller to return a kick-off 98 yards for a touch-down against Portage, and make opposing teams shudder at the mention of a punt-return. Besides being selected for the 1st All-State team, Mueller received the Vikings' mental attitude award and earned honors as MVP, Offensive MVP, and Offensive Receiver MVP.



MCDONALD'S ALL-AMERICAN band member, senior Tom Trast perfects his music before a home football game. Trast was one of two Indiana band members chosen for the honors band.

SENIOR LORI BRUDER, a student of Vogelstein Conservatory, entertains the crowd with a song, while other conservatory students surround her on the Performing Arts school's Popcorn Parade float.



REMODELED FROM ONE of the original Standard stations in Volpola, "The Vienna Doghouse" treats Vienna hot dog lovers year-round.

COMPLETED IN AUGUST 1987, the "First Center" mall spruces up the corner of Columet and Vale Park roads, with a new, modern look.



Valpo remains a *contemporary* classic community

By Jennifer Borker

Passing through Valparaiso for the first time, one immediately senses its cozy, home-town atmosphere. With its traditional town square, numerous drive-ins, even a grain elevator, Valpa has become a picture-perfect example of small-town America.

Crowds flocked, as always, to the annual Popcorn Festival, where farmer resident Orville Redenbacher served as man of honor. Sporting his trademark red bowtie, the Popcorn King brought his old-fashioned charm and plenty of nostalgia to the festivities.

Valparaiso University has also been an important part of local history since its construction nearly 200 years ago. Ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as the number one comprehensive college in the midwest, VU has become the city's most famous landmark.

Though proud of its history and long-standing tradition, the town continues to move ahead, keeping up with the latest styles. Local shopowners created a new look for the downtown area by adding blue awnings to storefronts around the square, while the First Centre extended North Columbus Avenue's already bustling business district. The center represents a contemporary building compared to the classic styles of the courthouse and the Memorial Opera House, two of the town's oldest structures.

Younger establishments are building a name for themselves in local history as well. Valparaiso High School, for example, celebrated 15 years in its present location, having witnessed many changes. As it continues to evolve, the school undergoes additions and improvements each year. In an attempt to alleviate overcrowding, its Athletic Department will soon receive a \$3-3.5 million field house, to be completed in the fall of 1989.

As Valparaiso changes with the times, modern taste is reflected in both architecture and fashion. Despite its progress, though, the town manages to retain its traditional values. A veritable modern Mayberry, Valparaiso has made a name for itself and will always be known as home-sweet-home to us.



BLENDING THE OLD with the new, Valparaiso's Hunt-Wesson Plant's addition will produce Orville Redenbacher's microwave popcorn.

Being

Ourselves

By Jennifer Barker

Call it what you will — we called it good, clean fun. Though the seven-hour school day often seemed unbearable, we found plenty of ways to vent our frustrations. Students spent Fri-

day nights rafting far the Viking football and basketball teams, followed by victory parties at Burger King. Saturday found us wandering Southlake Mall and the County Seat Plaza, where movie theaters were always the main attraction.

While most weekends were relaxed, students traded their jeans and sweat-shirts for tuxedos and elegant dresses on special occasions. Homecoming and Prom, gave students a chance to show their stuff on the dance floor, while the Christmas and King of Hearts dances boosted holiday spirit.

Students found a rare informal escape from the school routine at weekly sac-haps, where boxer shorts and oversized sweatshirts were a fashion statement. Sponsored by individual clubs and organizations, sac-haps featured professional as well as amateur D.J.s and, according to Assistant Principal Steve Cronk, took in as much as \$1300.

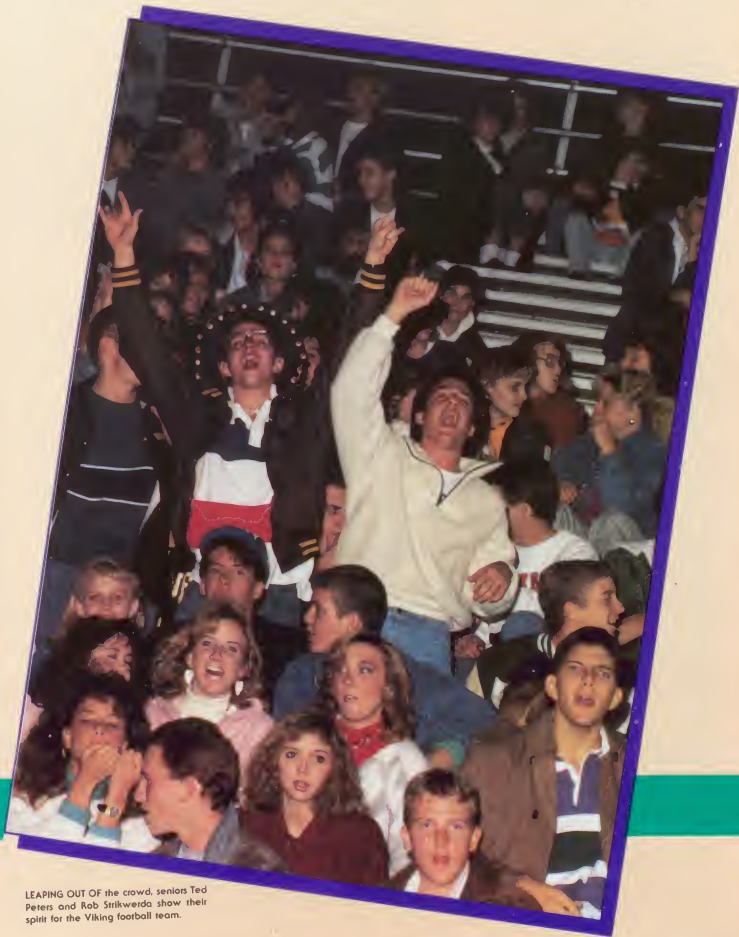
Chicago was another weekend hot spot, where students browsed through Watertower Place and lunched at the Hard Rock Cafe. News of touring rock groups including Pink Floyd and U2 rocked the school and sent students clamoring for front-row tickets.

Students got a taste of life abroad, as well, when French students spent spring break touring the sights of France. We welcomed five foreign exchange students during the school year, and foreign students elsewhere in Indiana attended classes and visited Chicago during International Weekend in November.

We cheered at football games, jammed at rock concerts, and suffered together through mid-term exams. During all those late-night telephone conversations and grueling early-morning practices, the true spirit of the student body shone through. Far better or far worse, we were just being ourselves.

DANCING "UNDER THE Big Top" senior Matt Kush and Junior Dawn Shalapski enjoy the music of the "Music Man" at VHS' homecoming dance. Homecoming 1987 featured clowns, balloons, and a miniature carousel.

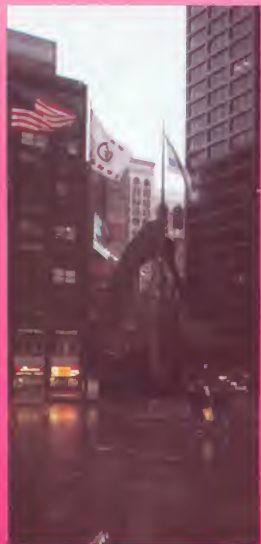




LEAPING OUT OF the crowd, seniors Ted Peters and Rob Strikwerda show their spirit for the Viking football team.

THE LION STATUES outside the entrance to the Art Institute stand as landmarks of Michigan Avenue.

MICHIGAN AVENUE, WITH its "Magnificent Mile", Orchestra Hall and Art Institute, along with other attractions, is the heart of Chicago's Loop.



SCULPTURES AND MODERN architecture are some of the aspects of Chicago which set it apart from other big cities. The Chicago Picasso, located in the Richard J. Daley Center Plaza, has received both praise and criticism from all who view it.

Big-city attractions found around the Loop

By Pete Speckhard

Just as a politician must attract as many votes as possible to win an election, a city must offer something for every different type of person in order to grow. Chicago, unlike many politicians, succeeds.

"Chicago offers an excellent cross-section of cultures, which makes it a great place to study," Elke Bowman, English and German teacher, said. "Many people don't realize how favorable Chicago compares to other cities," she added.

Foreign language classes especially took advantage of what Chicago had to offer through field trips to the Art Institute and various ethnic restaurants. The German club spent a Saturday in German-town, and experienced the foreign food, books, and music. Next year, the club plans a trip to the Lyric Opera to see Wagner's "Tannhauser."

"It's important that students know how their knowledge of another culture applies to the real world. Chicago is about the best place apart from the actual foreign country to study another culture," Charles Geiss, French and Spanish teacher, said.

Students of foreign language were not the only ones to benefit from living near Chicago, however. Among Chicago's attractions for anyone with only interests or all were the Hard Rock Cafe, the Sears Tower which is the world's largest building, the Art Institute, professional teams from every major sport. Gino's Pizzeria (acclaimed by Rolling Stone Magazine to be the best pizza in the country),

the "Magnificent Mile" or North Michigan Avenue, Orchestra Hall, and innumerable other festivals and attractions.

Hour-long drives on the Dan Ryan or the Tollway, trips on the South Shore Line, and Amtrak train rides meant the difference between another day at Southlake Mall and a big-city adventure.

"I like going in for sporting events. The games are more exciting when you're there, and places like Wrigley Field, Comiskey Park, and Soldier Field are interesting in themselves. They have to be, because none of the teams that plays in them ever wins," senior Dave Miller said, referring to the fact that both the Cubs and the White Sox finished last in their divisions in 1987.

"Chicago is an incredible center for music of all sorts. Not only do all the big jazz and rock groups play there, but the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is widely regarded as the best in the world," senior Wangong Tsoutsouris said.

"Everyone who gives a concert comes to Chicago," senior Mike Sorenson added. Major groups whose 1987-88 tours included Chicago were U2, Pink Floyd, Bruce Springsteen, John Cougar Mellencamp, Rush, Yes, the Cars, Boston, Dire Straits, and Bob Seger.

"I am consistently amazed when I come back to Chicago at all the fantastic things it has to offer culturally. The architecture is extremely innovative, and the Art Institute is quite possibly the best in America," English teacher Judy Lebyrk said.



PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, basketball and hockey, along with big-game concerts including U2 and Bruce Springsteen, attracted students to Chicago.

BOB HOPE IS just one of the many famous personalities giving live performances at the Chicago Theater located on State Street in downtown Chicago.



Nothing less than perfection

SIDELINED BY AN injury, senior Marty Pirmich watches the action with Head Coach Mark Hoffman. The Vikings defeated Merrillville 13-7.



By Pete Speckhard

A picture perfect setting: the brisk autumn night is crisp and clear as the cheers of the crowd rise above a football field, where the home team has defeated its rival by a single touchdown. It seemed like something straight from the movies.

In reality, homecoming is rarely perfect. In fact, it can even be a downright drag. Homecoming 1987 was almost too good to be true. "We had ideal weather," said Miss Lisa Engen, dance coordinator and cheerleader coach.

"The game was exciting. We played well and we won," football coach Mark Hoffman said about the Viking 13-7 win over conference rivals, the Merrillville Pirates.

The crowning of Queen Mindy Heinald and Princess Kathleen Brady marked the highlight of the evening. Six girls, including Brady, Stacey Genga, Heinald, Missy Massa, Jennifer Stout, and Lori Underwood were elected by the senior class to form the homecoming court. The final vote as to who would be queen and princess was taken one week prior to homecoming. All students voted.

"When they announced that Kathleen was princess, I lost all hope. Then they said my name for queen and I couldn't believe it," Heinald said. "It was weird because when I was in third grade, someone told me I was going to be homecoming queen," she added.

Couples began the evening with dinner at elegant restaurants around town. Strang-

baws', the White House, Valparaiso Country Club and the Spa lent an air of sophistication to the annual event.

"Under the Big Top" served as the theme of the dance, which went as smoothly as the game. "More people showed up this year, and it seemed like everyone had a great time," Engen said. The couples danced to music provided by Musicman from 8-11 p.m.

"I didn't even decide to go to the dance until that afternoon. Everything worked out just fine, though," Heinald said.

"I couldn't believe it. It was about four o'clock and I was putting on my makeup when Mindy called and asked if she should go to the dance or not," Brady said. "We had to make a lot of last minute arrangements, but it finally worked out in the end," she added.

Bright balloons and decorations added to the atmosphere. "It's amazing what can be done to make the north balcony look like a perfect ballroom," Engen said. "It takes a lot of work, but there was no question that the turnout at the dance made it all worthwhile," she added.

"I don't know why exactly, but it just seems to me that this dance was a lot more fun than some of the other dances I've been to. Maybe it was because everyone was in a good mood about the game, but I think it was more because we're seniors," senior Missy Massa homecoming court member, said.



GREETING THE CROWD are Kathleen Brady, princess, and Mindy Heinald, queen, during halftime of the homecoming game.



HOMECOMING COURT AND their dates are: Rick Vaughn, Lori Underwood, Dustin Vargo of Boone Grove, Mindy

Heinald, Kathleen Brady, Larry Wright, Missy Massa, Joe Wendt, Stacey Genga, and Ben Rankin.



BRIGHT COLORS ADD to the homecoming theme as Mrs. Ginger Sojdera takes tickets from sophomore Todd Bauer and Barbi Isbell of Portage.



DANCING TO MUSIC provided by the Musicman, senior Brian Volk and sophomore Laura Furlin enjoy the homecoming festivities.

DURING THE VIKETTES' haltime performance, Mark Fischer escorts Mindy Heindol down the center of the field.

"Everyone on the court was friends, so it was sort of a game to see who would win. There were no bad feelings because everyone had such a good time."

Kathleen Brady

ALTHOUGH MATINEES provided a discounted ticket price, the six General Cinema Theaters in the County Seat Mall attracted students Friday and Saturday nights.



STUDENTS CONTINUED TO use the County Seat as a place to "hang around" with the crowd, looking especially to Burger King, Darcy Queen, the Cinema, and Shakey's to

provide them with a place to meet. The Burger King sign typifies the area with its colorful lights which draw in student-customers on weekend nights.



STUDENTS WELCOME WEEKEND ESCAPE FROM DAILY SCHOOL ROUTINE

By Pete Speckhard

On any given Monday morning, people all over town can be heard, as they stumble toward their coffee cups, asking "how long until the weekend?" The annoying morning person then smugly replies, "There are exactly 370,200 seconds from the beginning of school on Monday to..." His sentence trails off after he has been clattered by an alarm clock. The truth remains, however, that the weekend is a prime motivating force in most people's lives.

"As I see it, school's only purpose is to provide a rest between the weekends," junior Todd Pullara said. "Seriously though, the weekends are a major part of every student's life. Without any days off, nobody would be able to do anything that wasn't school related because they wouldn't be able to find the time," he added.

"Weekends provide the time for me to do things that don't have much to do with school," junior Patrick Feaster, who publishes a monthly comic magazine called "Harry the Hedgehog," said.

Popular "hot spots" for weekend activities included Wright's Barnyard for miniature

golfing, the Pines for skiing, the Dunes for just generally having a good time, the university gym for basketball, and the County Seat for movies and hanging around acting abnoxious.

"Everybody says that Valpa is a boring place, but it really has just as much if not more than most other small towns," junior John Hishka said.

Actually, the general trend was far students to do things at home or at a friend's house on the weekends, playing games and listening to music or watching movies.

"If I don't have to do anything far band on the weekends, I usually go to a friend's house and play Castle Risk or else I go play basketball at V.U.," senior Dave Miller said.

"There is almost always some school activity to participate in over the weekend if you're bored, but I can usually find a thousand things to do even if I'm just slitting at home. The weekend is when I can do what I want to do, rather than what has to get done. Then, of course, late Sunday night it's back to reality and I have to do all the things that I cleverly avoided over the weekend," senior Susan Herseman said.



AS NORTHWEST INDIANA'S only ski resort, the Pines draws skiers from all across the area. Newly purchased snow machines provided snow when the weather was warm.

SHAKEY'S



IN AN ATTEMPT to get away from the fast-food bloat, many people patronized Shakey's Pizza in the middle of the County Seat, which offered sit-down dining at reasonable prices.

WEEKENDS ARE MORE than play for senior John Hitzley as he bags groceries at Costco Foods. Many students gave up some of their free time to earn extra cash.

RECOVERING FROM HIS operation, Charlie Gordon (Paul Kroeger) discusses his memories with Professor Nemur (Matt Douhan) and Dr. Strauss (Jeff Dygert), while Bert Seldon (Scott Newsom) takes notes.

LAST-MINUTE JITTERS prevent a steady hand for Matt Douhan. Applying the make-up before the show is Jeff Carmichael.



"This play was in no way a complex one, but it challenged us in that it was very different from plays we had done in the past."

Scott Newsom

BERT SELDON AND his assistant Doris (Missy Moore) observe Algernon, a mouse who received the same intelligence-raising operation as Charlie.

Script challenges players

by Christa Eichberger

Often when the issue of science vs. humanity is raised, one speculates as to the extent that certain creatures can be exploited before things go too far. In their fall production "Flowers for Algernon," Drama Club members attempted to provide answers to some of those questions.

"The central message is clear," stated senior Paul Krager, who portrayed the mentally handicapped Charlie Gordon, whose I.Q. is surgically increased. "The needs of human beings can often be ignored in the pursuit of science."

Under the direction of Susan Shurte, rehearsals took place far over a month after casting. According to Shurte, the November 21-22 performances "challenged the actors to play characters of many different types, social levels, and ages."

"Very often, high schools prefer comedies because they draw bigger audiences, yet this was a challenging script which purposely left questions unanswered," Shurte said.

Mrs. Alice Gambel, who usually directs

drama productions, took a maternity leave for the fall season. She suggested the play because she felt it was well-known, required simple scenery, and it would be inexpensive to produce, as the budget was under \$1000. Scenery changes were minimal, and the arrangement was of "formalized" stage set-up.

"This procedure required levels and areas of the stage to be controlled entirely by lighting, which caused attention to be directed entirely upon the acting without other distractions," Gambel explained.

"Playing Charlie was interesting because it was like two roles; one as a retarded person, and one as a genius, and it changed back and forth," Krager said.

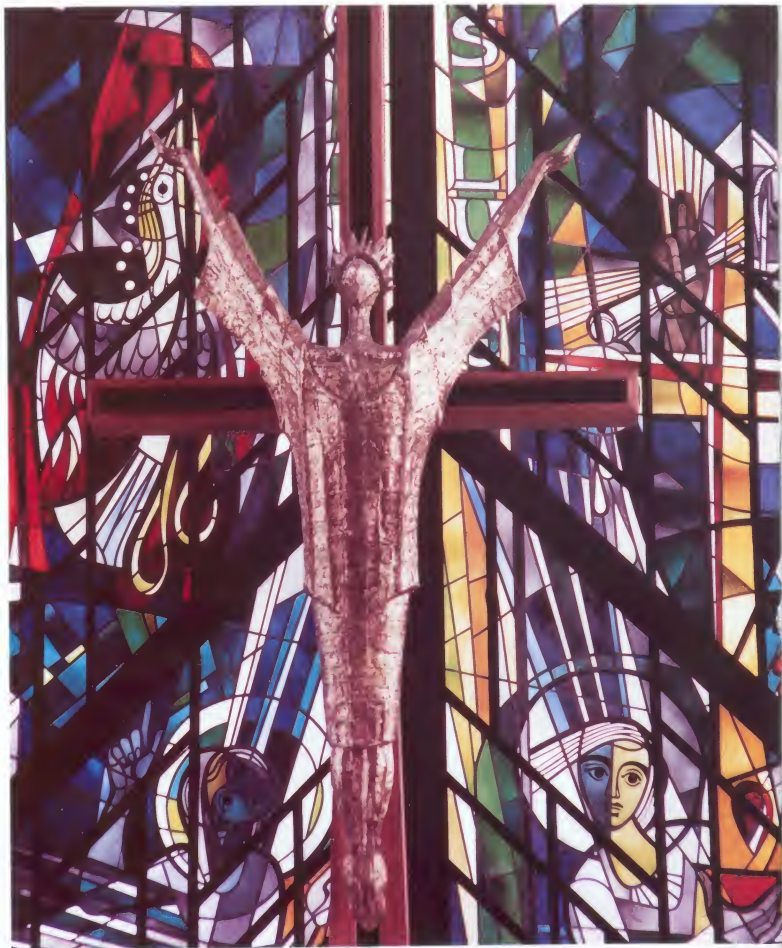
"Flowers for Algernon" was definitely not just one more Drama Club production. Director Shurte and the 27 member cast approached the student body with a serious dramatic subject which raised unanswered questions and required the audience to think in order to fill in the missing pieces. Although the comedies are always enjoyed by the audience, this play had the same success and a little more to it.



REMINISCING ABOUT HIS childhood, Charlie remembers the problems he (Ryan Hill) caused to his parents (Kesho Adams and Dave Baker) and his sister (Allison Eagen).



TEMPERS FLARE AS Professor Nemur and Dr. Strauss argue about whether or not to take Charlie to a medical convention after the controversial operation and treatment.



STAINED-GLASS ART-WORK dominates the back of the university chapel. The largest Lutheran university chapel in the country, the VU chapel was home not only to church services, but also a wide variety of concerts.

UNIVERSITY OFFERS CULTURE, SPORTS TO VALPARAISO RESIDENTS

By Pete Speckhard

From the Big Apple to the Windy City, America's major cities have always relied on a geographical location and a wide cultural variety to maintain their popularity and distinction.

To smaller towns, which lack such international significance, a university can be a major attraction, drawing crowds from across the state and providing welcome cultural exchanges. Valparaiso University (VU) has lent Valpa a certain prestige, and made it much more than just another small town.

"We are extremely lucky to have a university here in town. It acts as a link between people and culture," English teacher Judy Lebryk said. "If you take any advantage at all of what VU has to offer, it becomes hard to imagine what this town would be like without it," she added.

Among the activities and facilities available at VU were regular trips to Chicago, use of the student union and new gymnasium, and, of course, the opportunity to cheer for a hometown college sports team. However, many of the privileges were only available to high school students if their par-

ents were associated with the university.

"Most of the time I just go play basketball or raquetball, and no one cares if everyone there has a faculty I.D. card or not, but sometimes they check, and then you can only play with your friends that have cards," senior Jason Telschow said. His father, Dr. Frederick Telschow, is a music professor at VU.

Above all, the thing that VHS students used the most at VU was the university library for help on various reports and projects.

"If you really want information on something, the VU library is often the only place to get it," senior Jeanne Kim said. "Our library and the public library really don't have that much compared to the VU library."

"Having VU here in town makes more of a difference than people think," Sid Reggie, social studies teacher, said. "There is a lot more emphasis placed on education in a university town, which helps to make our high school a top-notch place," he explained.

Drawing students from all fifty states and many foreign countries, and offering many music, drama, and sporting events, VU helped bring a touch of culture to an otherwise normal town.

THE SOCIAL STUDIES BUILDING viewed from the Moelling library is typical of VU architecture. Most of the buildings on campus are relatively new, but old-campus dates all the way back to 1859.



SITUATED ALONG HIGHWAY 30, the sign welcomes visitors to Valparaiso University. The torch at the entrance to the university is also a trademark of VU.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF the resources available at the Moelling Library, seniors Kathy Brobeck and Stephanie Snyder find more than was available to them back at the VHS or public libraries.



Dances do away with "winter blahs"

TAKING THE FLOOR for one of the faster songs, juniors Patrick Feaster and Eric Schultz celebrate the upcoming holiday at the Christmas Dance sponsored by Student Council.



By Pete Speckhard

Traditionally, winter months in the Midwest have been greeted with something less than enthusiasm. After the novelty of the first snow wears off, there just isn't a lot to do. One way in which students defied winter's tendency to be boring was by attending school-sponsored holiday dances.

"The dances give people something to do that's out of the ordinary. Playing Pictionary and watching movies gets old after a while, and having a dance to look forward to sort of breaks up the monotony," junior Naomi Miller said.

With the theme "Christmas Memories," the Christmas Dance had a different attraction than the other dances. As junior Mike Miller put it, "I don't think people go to the Christmas dance to relieve boredom so much as to vent anticipation. There's a totally different atmosphere when Christmas vacation is coming up."

V-teens attempted to spice up the mid-winter months by celebrating Valentine's

Day with their annual turnabout, the King of Hearts dance. Students cast votes for their king by contributing money to V-teen funds. The group then donated \$500 of their earnings to the Porter County Heart Association.

The King of Hearts dance provided many people with a pleasant change of pace. "It comes at just the right time, when you're kind of getting sick of winter, but spring is still pretty far away," senior Stephen Williams said.

"City of Lights" was the theme of the King of Hearts dance, and the crowning of the king was greeted with much anticipation. The senior class voted for Jeff Anselmi. Jeff Daxe, Jason Mack, Steven Mueller, and Scott Sprulenberg to compete for the honor. Daxe took the king's crown, while Mueller was named prince.

Both winter dances gave students a chance to break out of the doldrums that often accompany the winter months. Despite ice, snow, and freezing temperatures, students went out of their way to dance away their boredom.



THE CHRISTMAS DANCE provides more than a romantic setting for sophomore Jenny Hrabota and junior Mike Miller, as they enjoy the evening with seniors Kim Savich and Scott Campbell.



ALL EYES ARE on him as King of Hearts hopeful Jason Mack, escorted by V-teen officer Penny Ryan, walks to the platform to await the final announcement.



SLEIGH BELLS RING as Sonto (Mr. Sid Reggie) and his helper (Mr. Skip Bird) join in the Christmas spirit by handing out candy cones to sophomores Corrie Burrell and Jeff Zrodzowsky.

KING OF HEARTS candidates and their V-Teen escorts include Scott Spruitenberg, Rami Sier, Ellen McQuillan, Jeff Anselin, Suzanne Longura, King Jeff Daxe, Prince Steven Mueller, Carol Costa, Penny Ryan, and Jason Mock. The attending children are John Broderick and Breann Kepler.



INTERMISSION SIZZLES AS Mark Seeley plays Vanna to Derek Nicoletto's Latino contestant in their parody of "The Wheel of Fortune." Seeley provided the laughs while Nicoletto sang "Vanna, Spin Me a Letter."

NIELSON'S RATINGS DON'T apply to "Easy Money," the Drama Club's annual "April Antics" show, but singers Catherine Periolat, Matt Daughon, Andy Bray, and Dee-dee Valler give the term "live television" new meaning as they perform the opening act.



Easy money inspires comedy antics

By Pete Speckhard

Never has a game show been this unusual. It surpassed "Wheel of Fortune," "The Dating Game," and "Let's Make A Deal." It was, as the promotional posters promised, "a game show to end all game shows."

With "Easy Money" as its theme, the 1988 April Antics show had students laughing all week long.

"Scott Newsome was absolutely hilarious. He made a perfect cheesy game show host," senior Ken Taylor said.

The excitement started the week before the shows, with "Easy Money" promotional trivia questions read over the announcements third hour. Prizes were given to students who turned in the correct answers to the bookstore before the end of the day. Through this promotion, students learned such globally relevant facts as: VHS had a NIPSCO bill for January in excess of \$47,000, there were over 17,000 books in the library, the combined years of teaching experience among the VHS faculty is 11,000, and one female faculty member once was o

cheerleader at Kouts High School in Kouts, Indiana.

"We wanted to do something different. We felt that if we could generate some interest before-hand, it would help to make the show a success. I guess it worked because we received more compliments on the show this year than we ever have before," Director Alice Gombel said. "It didn't hurt that Scotty (Newsome) was fantastic, either," she added.

"I loved it. At first I didn't even want to go because other years it didn't seem interesting, but this year I had a really good time," senior Jason Telschow said.

As Biff Baxter, the host of the show "Easy Money," Scott Newsome received a taste of the game show life. "Now that I've found an area of expertise, I may as well make a career of it," he joked.

"There is no question in my mind that this year is a turning point. Years ago, everyone looked forward to April Antics, but in recent years the enthusiasm has sort of cooled. Now I think we're headed back in the right direction," Gombel said.

HOST BIFF BAXTER (Scott Newsome) and announcer Skip Jackson (Ken Taylor) prepare contestant Dexter (Paul Kraeger) for his tasks, which included facing hungry pit bulls and Senior Citizens' Day at Castos.



POLYESTER MAKES A fashion statement for Andy Brox, who plays a nerdy sewage engineer campering on a game show for easy money. He described his shattered dreams by singing "I Lost On Jeopardy."

SWEETHEARTS AND SIRENS alike competed in "the Mating Game," each trying to outsize the other. Arnie Carlson delivers "Never on Sunday" while Corissa Cosban prepares to sing "Somewhere that's Green."

Prom offers mystical evening

By Gwen Kenney

Time ticked away more and more slowly as 10:50 a.m. approached Friday, May 13. As with most half days of school, everyone was anxious. However, that day especially some desired escape more than others. After all, they had a million last-minute things to do that afternoon.

The list began with picking up the tux and the flowers on the way home, washing the car, ironing the dress, showering, getting dressed, and putting on the final touches. All of this had to be done in time to meet the date for the dinner reservations. Only after everything that afternoon was accomplished could the couple make it to Prom or the Porter County Exposition Center.

Festivities began officially at 8 p.m. as 274 couples caught their first glimpse of "The Mystical Orient." The decorations represented nine hours of work by junior class officers

and approximately 25 other juniors. These hours, however, represented only part of the preparation time. "Many hours were spent prior to the day of Prom putting the kits together," Maro Flegle-Hicks, junior class co-sponsor, said.

The results were oriental fans, umbrellas, lanterns, Ming trees, and a large red balloon dragon with lights hanging over the dance floor.

The decorations and music, supplied by "The Music Men", contributed to only part of the evening's fun. "Those who attended the Prom enjoyed the atmosphere, decorations, music, and just being with their friends and dates," Vesna Urukolo, junior class president, said.

When Prom ended, the evening had still only begun. From the oriental magic, most couples travelled back in time to "Speakeasy '88". Post-Prom, which took place at Val-

paraiso University's Student Union, was organized by Sue Hoffman and Cheryl Von Rosen-dale, junior parents. Keeping with the 1920's theme, the chaperones dressed as gangsters and floppers.

In addition to the usual movies, bowling, and billiards, a casino offered entertainment. For some, however, the novelty of Prom began to deteriorate as 3 a.m. approached. "Prom was really fun at the beginning, but as it got later and later, you got tired and cranky," sophomore Suzy Yelkovic said.

Even so, on Saturday, people went out again to the Indiana Dunes State Park and Great America.

By Sunday, reality had once again taken control. Frantic preparation, dinner, dancing, all remained as simple memories. Homework and responsibility replaced the few short hours of mystical enchantment known as Prom.



TAKING A REFRESHMENT break at Post Prom, Junior Beth Hill and senior Rob Strikwerda enjoy the midnight buffet.

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY'S Union was transformed into Big Al's Place for "Speakeasy '88", Post Prom's theme. Preparing to step back into time, under the watchful eye of 'mobster' Mark Hoffman are seniors Lori Underwood, Rick Vaughn, Cathy Brown and Bryon Benke.



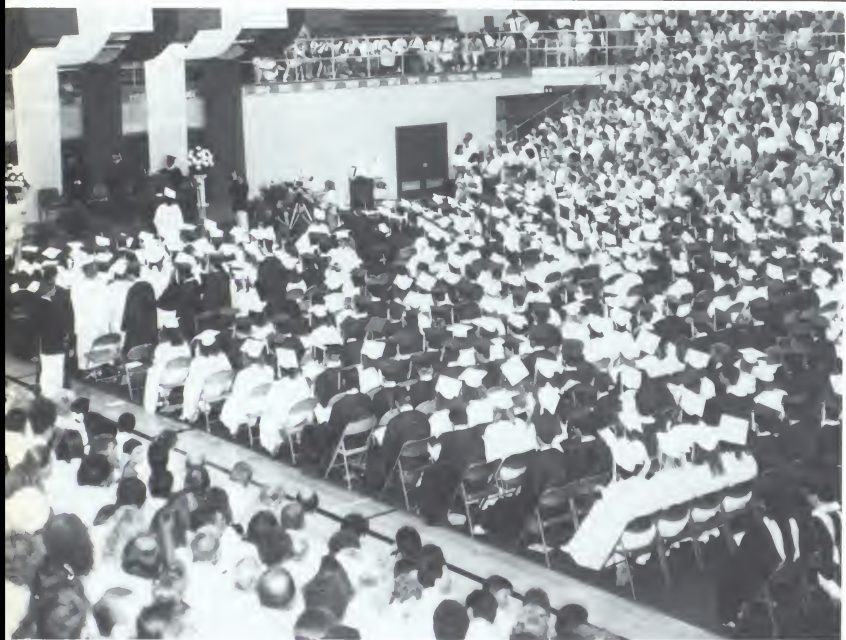


LEADING PROM'S TRADITIONAL Grand March as family and friends watch and take pictures are Vesna Urukolo, junior class president and her date Troy Zulich, a VHS graduate. Following them are junior Naomi Miller and senior Steve Williams.

ALTHOUGH SLOW SONGS added to the romantic 'Mystical Orient' atmosphere, juniors Pam Clark and Chris Bass let loose during a rock number at Prom.



THE GAMES ROOM of Post Prom gives senior Jeannie Kim, Junior Dhod Grienke, Junior Dino Tittle and graduate Tim Ton an alternative to dancing.



THE CLASS OF 1968 gathers together for the last time during Valparaíso's 115th commencement exercises. Students accepted congratulations from Dr. David Bess, principal, and officially left their high school years behind them.

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY'S CHAPEL creates a solemn atmosphere for the 1968 Baccalaureate exercises. Graduating seniors gathered with their families early Sunday afternoon for the traditional religious ceremony which began an unforgettable day of celebration.



Graduation undergoes major changes

By Pete Speckhord

When a cook uses a new recipe for a familiar dish, people may not like the taste because they simply aren't used to it. Others, however, may welcome a refreshing change.

School administrators developed a completely new recipe for the 1988 graduation exercises. Many students longed for the graduation ceremonies of the good old days, while still other graduates praised the new format.

The 444 graduates adjusted to procedure changes, participating in both graduation and baccalaureate exercises Sunday, June 5. For the second consecutive year, a committee of 15 seniors, five faculty members and eight parents planned graduation activities.

"The emphasis has been on the fact that it is the seniors who are graduating and it is they who should be consulted when plans are being formulated," Wes Moiers, graduation committee chairman, said.

Speakers at the June 5 commencement exercises included, for the first time, four senior representatives selected by the class and one faculty member. Valedictorian Keldi Kellogg, Class President Poul Kraeger, and gener-

al representatives Jeff Doxe and Jesse Harper were selected by the senior class to speak.

Though many students found the new graduation exercises to be a pleasant change, others resented the revisions and favored the traditional procedure.

Seniors cited the new graduation format as being a problem in that it caused a lack of a convenient time to have an open house. The senior exam exemption policy resulted in seniors' not getting out earlier than underclassmen.

"It seems like a lot of the traditional fun went out of the last few weeks of school because the administration got so snitty about the attendance policy," senior Scott Campbell said.

Students made an impressive show, academically. Valedictorian Kellogg earned a 4.318 grade point average while Salutatorian Anne Marie Marshall boasted a 4.275. Excellence continued with the remaining 19 students who graduated with G.P.A.'s of 4.0 or above.

Adaptations in the graduation format certainly tested students' capacity for change. While many resisted, most seniors adjusted well to the new system.

SPEAKING TO HER fellow graduates, Valedictorian Heidi Kellogg reflects on lessons learned over the past four years and delivers a few words of encouragement as they begin life on their own.



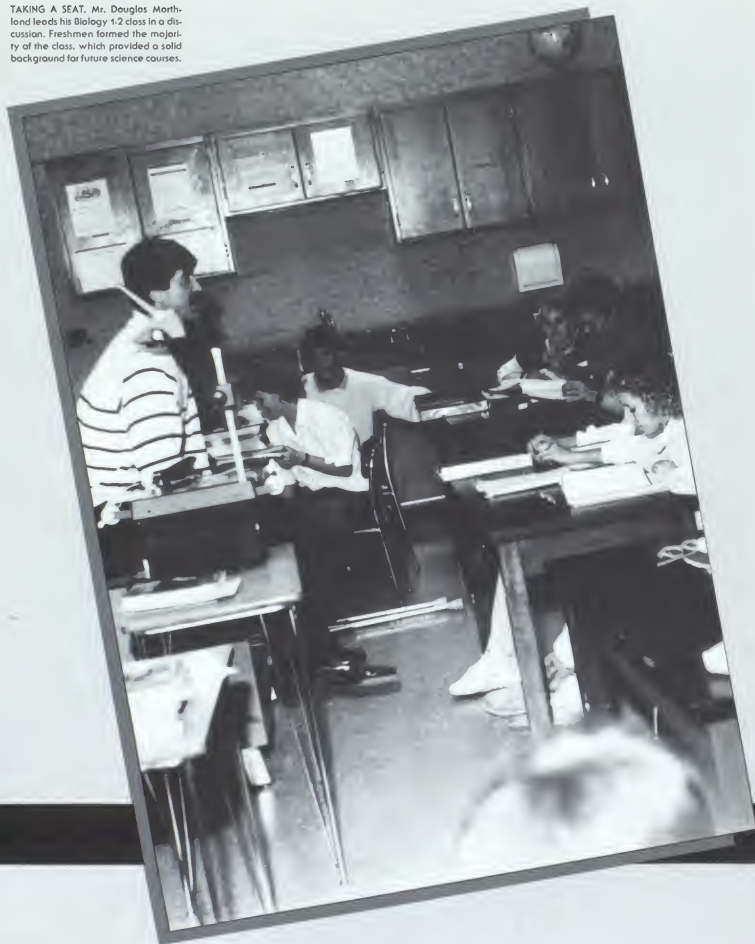
IN A FINAL gesture, Dr. David Bess awards Daug Klemz his long-awaited diploma and wishes him good luck in

the future. Klemz was one of 444 graduates donning the traditional cap and gown.



BITTERSWEET MEMORIES ARE in the making as graduate Stephanie Mannel joins in the ceremonial turning of the tassel. Students tossed confetti and released balloons in a grand finale.

TAKING A SEAT. Mr. Douglas Northland leads his Biology 1/2 class in a discussion. Freshmen formed the majority of the class, which provided a solid background for future science courses.



Making the *Grade*

By Jennifer Barker

It's been said that a mind is a terrible thing to waste. Students heeded the warning and put their brainpower to work, striving for excellence in a school known throughout Indiana for its academic strength.

Academic Decathlon members stormed Regionals with their intellectual competition and earned a second-place finish. From there the team continued onto state competition, where it placed.

Technological improvements made class assignments a little easier for some students. The English Department received a new computer lab consisting of word processors, to be used in the writing and editing aspects of some English courses.

Upcoming evaluations by the North Central Association (NCA) caused faculty members to begin a critical self-study, assuring themselves that the school's academic standards were up to par.

The NCA is a voluntary accrediting association which judges individual schools every seven years on the basis of academic quality.

VHS has been an NCA member since 1909. "We take a great deal of pride in having been a member for so many years," Dr. David Bess, principal, said. "Not too many schools qualify."

Academics provided students with yet another avenue for excellence, and they rose to the intellectual challenge, making a name for themselves as the minds of the future.



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF the quiet, freshman Corla Pottina gets a jump on her homework while waiting for a ride home.

TENSION RISES AS sophomore Scott Moesch anticipates adviser Gloria Zimmerman's comments regarding his sophomore officers copy. Valenton staff members quickened their work pace as deadlines approached.



CONTEMPLATING HIS PAPER and the solitude of the nature center, Junior Darren Pederson awaits inspiration for an assignment.

RESEARCHING ROBERT BORK'S nomination to the Supreme Court, senior Amy Baker and sophomore Sean Osner prepare for a group discussion in General Speech.



Language progresses

expression

By Larkin Riley

"Ooh! Ugh! Ung! Boogol!" Verbal communication began millions of years ago with strange expressions like these by primitive man. Though these babblings may seem strange to people today, prehistoric man actually started language with his spoken gibberish, crude drawings, and bad language.

The English language is now a major key to communication, be it written or spoken. Volparaiso High School students, as well as all those in Indiana, must have at least eight English credits to graduate. Mrs. Lenore Hoffman, English Department chairperson, said, "The English Department tries to accommodate this increased demand for English courses by offering a wide variety of classes under the phase elective program."

This program, created to make the English curriculum more responsive to students' individual needs, consists of three phases. Phase one includes the honors classes, designed for students capable of handling more advanced material. An "A" earned in an honors class is worth one extra point with regard to students' GPA than is an "A" in a phase-two class. Phase two is made up of courses far above average, college-bound student, and phase three caters to students with a lower ability level in the English studies.

"Electing their (the students') own classes seems to somewhat eliminate disciplinary actions in class," Hoffman said. "This way, students are categorized according to their ability level. If we put a random group of students into a class and start teaching, either the smarter, more talented students would

be bored or the students who aren't as learned would be lost."

"Though the phase system is important, so is parental stress in education," Mrs. Diane Moryl, English teacher, said. Volparaiso need not worry about a lack of emphasis on learning, according to Hoffman and Moryl, since VHS has placed well above the national average on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (S.A.T.).

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necessarily focus on the S.A.T.'s, but teachers do prepare students by teaching them various skills which improve their overall approach to test taking. "We also prepare students by giving them a solid background in English skills," Hoffman said.

In addition to Speech and a grammar course, American Literature is also required to graduate.

As the English Department furthers students' communicative skills, slang expressions such as "Hey man! Cool! Like, totally awesome!" will remain a thing of the past. Society will continue to better itself rather than return to the monosyllabic expressions of primitive man.

PREPARING TO PERFORM: "The Sunshine Boys" by Neil Simon for Parents' Night, seniors Dave Baker and Scott Newsam rehearse as dramatic teacher June Wellend critiques them.

Broadening horizons

awareness

By Larkin Riley

A healthy combination of work and play allowed the Foreign Language Department to broaden the horizons of its students and teach them the value of an open mind. Instructors incorporated fun and games as well as serious study in giving students an appreciation of cultures around the world.

Various fun activities which encouraged cultural learning included the annual Christmas party, where students of different languages shared

Dame, now require two years of foreign language credit, and nearly all colleges recommend that students study a language.

Teachers also improved students' cultural awareness by sharing personal anecdotes and past experiences, as all instructors have previously travelled abroad.

Such overseas experience was an added bonus to students who participated in the school-sponsored trip to France. The Spring Break voyage was the first offered to students since 1974. A total of 83 students, parents, and teachers toured historical places of interest including Paris, Versailles, and the beaches of Normandy.

According to Marcia Arnold, department chairperson, foreign language teachers were faced with two major problems. Lack of sufficient class time and large class sizes created obstacles in the teaching process.

"A satisfactory number in a class is between 10 and 15 students," Arnold said. "Otherwise, it's hard to give individual attention or tell if someone is having problems with pronunciation."

The department expressed hopes of incorporating oriental languages into future curriculum and also planned to experiment with team-teaching, a method of teaching which would expose students to various styles of instruction.

While learning a foreign language requires hard work, the Foreign Language Department made every effort to make it an enjoyable process. Entertaining classroom activities and serious study together attracted students and gave them a skill which is sure to prove useful in the future.

PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE RANKS high among Spanish instructor Kevin Cessna's goals, as he explains the conversion of kilometers to miles. The metric system is used in most foreign countries.

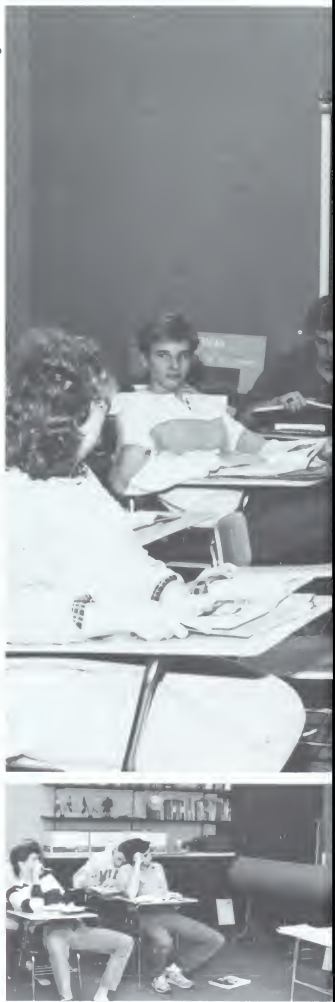
"Taking a foreign language seems to expand one's vocabulary and helps students listen better when learning."

— Mrs. Marcia Arnold

Christmas traditions and exotic foods, and the Mardi Gras festival which several classes observed. Aside from mere entertainment, much work went into learning and teaching foreign languages.

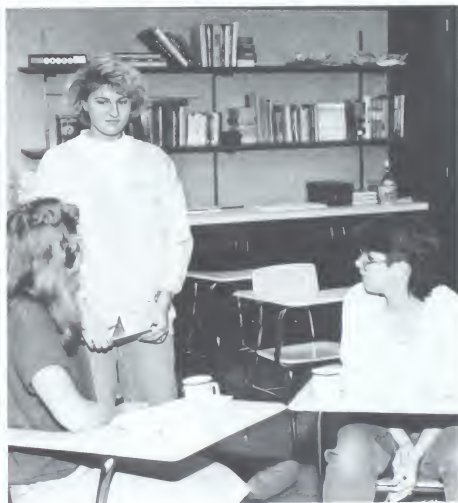
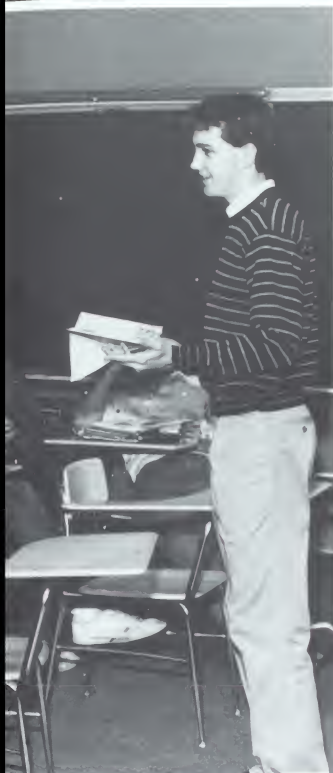
Although learning can be tedious, students who speak a foreign language fluently have a distinct advantage in the business world. According to French teacher Carolyn Hardebeck, the ability to deal with foreigners can be valuable in many areas, particularly in banking and business careers. While almost anyone can be trained for a certain position, mastery of a foreign language takes years to develop.

College-bound students also found foreign language study to be worth their efforts. Many universities, including Butler, Depauw, and Notre



BREAKING FROM HIS studies at Valparaiso University, student teacher Thad Saleska translates Caesar's gaelic wars for his Latin students.

IMPRESSIONIST PAINTING PROVIDES discussion as senior Jean Carter delivers her speech on Manet in Charles Geiss' French 7-8 class. All students were required to research an artist.



AWAITING HIS TURN at breaking the piñata, freshman German student Jay Nelson stands patiently as teacher Debbie Fray ties the blindfold.

ACTING AS A German waitress as part of a skill developing skit, sophomore Jennifer Pickarzyk takes an order from sophomores Debbie Buhman and Audra Struble.



CONCENTRATING ON HIS experiment, freshman George Engel fills a beaker with a chemical used in his solubility lab. Experiments gave students hands-on experience.



BALANCING THE SCALES, sophomore Michael Fleming works to finish his chemistry lab. By using scales and beakers, students learned the importance of accuracy.



CELEBRATING THE 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, students sign their names to a giant replica which was located in the hallway outside the cafeteria.

TESTING FOR THRESHOLD differences, student teacher Deborah Schultz uses senior Jeff Hood for the experiment as Diane Davis, supervising teacher, observes.



Changing a way of life

opportunity

By Billie Brooks

"Life," Parker Brothers' popular board game, is filled with decisions a player must make at the spin of the wheel, be it choosing an occupation or buying a house. "Life" is a game of luck, while real life deals with judgments one must make regarding important issues such as nuclear war and waste disposal.

According to U.S. NEWS and WORLD REPORT, 7800 high school juniors recently averaged less than 50 percent in a nationwide history and literature test — on F by any standards. The article advocates a better educational program in order to help students make wise decisions in the future.

The Social Studies Department's goal was to teach students to make the right decisions. Charles Stanier, social studies department chairperson, described social studies as "a grasping of better understanding of how we do or did things in the past. We should be better able to face social problems in the future."

Students' social studies requirements included one year of U.S. history, a semester of economics, and a semester of government. Stanier added that the Social Studies Department would like to make a course in world geography mandatory. "There is an old say-

ing: the world is becoming smaller every day. We can no longer isolate ourselves," Stanier added.

Referring to the poor performance of students nationwide, Karen Hartman, science department chairperson, implied that students may be part of the academic problem. "I would say that probably because of a lack of curiosity on their part, they just don't bother to answer the question 'why,'" Hartman said. "Our program is excellent. We offer 13 different classes based

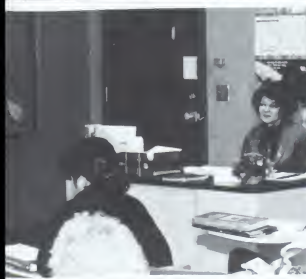
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At the end of "Life," the board game, players may decide whether to go bankrupt or become a millionaire. Students, too, must make the right decisions in order to succeed in school as well as in real life.

SEEKING ADDITIONAL HELP from Ralph Iatrola, science teacher, senior Kristin Hartwig receives guidance on her homework. Iatrola joined the science faculty this year after a nine-year stay on the faculty at Andean High School.



Going back to basics

foundations

By Larkin Riley

Colored blocks and counting books mark the beginning of a child's learning process. Ten fingers and 10 toes are the basics of addition, soon to be replaced by apples and oranges. As children make their way through grade school, they learn that not only is there addition but also subtraction, multiplication, and division.

When these students reach high school, mathematics and business departments use the basics as a foundation for more knowledge and experience. Gradu-

Algebra 3-4 as other math electives. Business classes, which are elective credits, range from keyboarding and data processing to a simulated Office Lab.

"While business is no substitute for a good math and English background, it does help people become better workers, consumers, and citizens," Mr. Lance Leach, Business Department Chairperson, said.

Even balancing a checkbook requires some understanding of math, according to Mrs. Patricia Mock, Mathematics Department Chairperson.

Numbers are not the only connection between the business and math departments, as both departments depend on various computers to make their courses run smoothly. "To work a computer, even a calculator, one has to know the math to apply it," Mock said.

Though both departments use computers, each applies its own teaching methods, according to Mock. Leach for instance, said he would like to see more keyboarding equipment to reduce overcrowded classes. "With the overcrowding we have now in keyboarding, students do not receive much personal attention," Leach said.

Business and math courses brought students back to the basics and also expanded their knowledge to fit the modern age.

From apples and oranges to advanced calculus and, business and math departments prepared students for a career in the "adult" world.

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— Mrs. Patricia Mock

tion requirements beginning with the class of 1989 include four math credits, increased from the previous two credits. Students generally fulfill these credits by taking algebra as a freshman and geometry as a sophomore, then in some cases pre-calculus and



IN THE MIDST of designing her own program, senior Leslie Perrow advises senior Lee Petcu on his

own graphics assignment. Computer courses were offered in both math and business.





MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR GLEN Ellis, who was cited by the Valparaiso University Alumni Association for his excellence in teaching, explains parallelograms to his seventh hour Geometry class.

THINGS GET A little complicated as Robert Punter, mathematics teacher, discusses complex numbers.



WITH HELP FROM teacher Cynthia Stralbaum, junior Jill McNulty types a dictation from a tape recording for Business Machines class.

WORKING ON HER Data Base project, senior Tammy Bupp enters new information concerning local businesses for printout.

EXERTING HIS STRENGTH, freshman Tam Steere attempts a pull-up. The Presidential Physical Award requires that students be tested in this area.

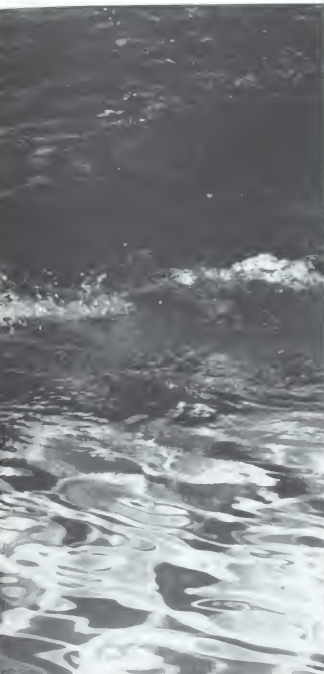


TAKING THE PLUNGE, freshman Kevin Gray comes up for air while demonstrating the breast stroke. Administration required students to pass swimming to graduate.



STUDENTS TAKE NOTES as Mark Hoffman lectures to his health class. Also required for graduation, Health and Safety brought physical and health education into the classroom.





Striving for fitness

in action

By Billie Brooks

Pacing breathlessly, the runner keeps his eye on the finish line, never looking back. With a last burst of energy he strains toward the tape, breaking it in one triumphant moment.

Like the runner, the Physical Education Department had one goal on which to focus. That goal was to give its students the winning edge. P.E.'s purpose was to develop a level of physical fitness for each individual to the best of his or her ability, according to Nancy Walsh, P.E. Chairperson and Physical Athletic Director.

Pacing forward, physical education was added to students' grade point averages in 1986. Many teachers felt the change was long overdue. "We felt it was an oversight because we were the only curriculum not included on the G.P.A.," Walsh said.

To cope with overcrowding in P.E. classes, the administration added Todd Caffin, Health and Safety and physical education teacher, to the faculty.

The Physical Education Department also proposed a grading system which allowed students to earn good grades without being star athletes. P.E. grades were based on 50 percent participation, 30 percent skills, and 20 percent written tests.

According to Walsh, the academically strong student earned an above

average grade, while some athletes' grades were below average. Walsh took pride in a system that gave every student a fair chance.

Health and Safety classes gave students a chance to discuss issues including alcohol abuse and AIDS. School policy required that students take the course in order to graduate. "I like teaching health because it is current and affects everyone. No one is excluded. There is something that everyone is exposed to," Mark Hoffman, health teacher, said.

Giving its students a winning edge, the Physical Education and

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Health Departments emphasized an attitude of looking ahead and never dwelling on the past. By focusing on current issues and updating its policies, both departments prepared students for the future.



HELPING A FRIEND in time of need, freshmen Jenny Bentley and Michalene Paul spot Dana Jensen, also a freshman, in her attempt at a back walk-over for gymnastics class.

FRESHMAN SEMINAR OFFERS students a look at a wide range of topics in a personal setting. Small class size enabled students to deal with the challenging curriculum used in class.



ADVANCED CLASSES OFFER STUDENTS IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE

By Pete Speckhard

Clack-watching, note writing, and on occasional catnap often provided an escape from classroom drudgery. Many students who suffered from boring academic schedules took advantage instead of the opportunities offered by an advanced or honors class.

"Taking Senior Seminar was something I did to avoid the same old classroom routine. It gave a chance to take a new approach," senior Scott Campbell said.

Senior Seminar curriculum included an in-depth study of Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, a study of the Dunes' formation, and a look at American law. "We try to offer something unique every year, to attract people who are looking for something new," Assistant Principal Steve Cronk said.

"I liked the study of the Dunes because it was something that I could apply right away. Some classes teach you nothing useful until you take the advanced classes in college. In seminar, they told you things that you could see for yourself," senior

Ken Taylor said.

Calculus, honors English classes, and fourth year language classes sparked enthusiasm among students with a wide variety of interests.

"I was really excited at the chance to teach fourth year German," Elke Bowman, German and English teacher, said. "There is a real difference between teaching the basics and actually studying the culture of a foreign country," she added.

"The major difference in honors English classes is that students generally are not hampered by grammar, so you can really concentrate on the topic you're studying," English teacher Jean Heckman said.

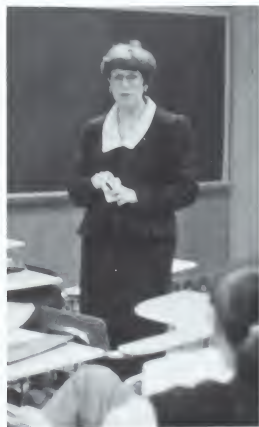
"As a teacher, I can enjoy teaching just about anything, but it really gets fun when you teach honors classes because then you're using more than teaching skills. You've got to use your knowledge of the topic that you're studying," English teacher Judy Lebrink said.

Many students eagerly took up the chance to delve a little deeper into their topic of interest by signing up for honors and upper level courses.



FOURTH YEAR FRENCH students study not only the language, but also the culture from French and Spanish teacher Charles Gells, as he demonstrates French verbs during his daily lesson.

LISTENING TO HER classmates is one of the skills freshman Amy Mayer uses in freshman seminar, taught by Mrs. Cheryn Maesch. Seminar prepared students for a promising high school career.



LINKING THE SUBJECTS of science, law and literature under the theme of "accountability," Mrs. Cheryn Maesch lectures to her senior seminar class as they discuss *Crime and Punishment*.



IN PREPARATION FOR the reading of a German novel, fourth year German teacher Elke Bowman drills her class with grammar exercises. Literature and grammar combined expanded cultural understanding.

Outshining the rest

perfection

By Billie Brooks

Gurgles, coos, and baby talk in general represent the first forms of human communication. As the months progress, babies develop more sophisticated speech habits, experimenting with words like "Mama" and "Dada." Soon after, children graduate to nursery favorites like "Itsy Bitsy Spider."

In the same way, the Choral Music Department based its structure on elementary steps, beginning with the traditional do-re-mi. Students then progressed to sight-reading and learned to sing an entire piece of

blend with other people. It gives you performance experience," senior Carissa Casban said.

Choir concerts prepared students for state contests and enabled them to experience the last-minute jitters and intense pride which are so much a part of performance.

With their fall concert, singers started the year on a good note. They participated in the annual Christmas Concert along with musicians throughout the community. The Spring Festival brought singers together to display their own special talents.

Solo and ensemble contests catered to students with an interest in singing solos or as part of a duet or trio. The Indiana State School of Music Association (ISSMA) sponsored state choir contests in which full choirs gathered to compete for various awards.

Contest aside, the purpose of the Choral Department was not merely to win gold medals, but to encourage students to sing and perform to the best of their abilities. Instructors and singers accomplished this together through hard work, patience, and dedication. Step by step, choir members developed personal styles and talents while learning to blend with fellow singers.

Just as children begin with the most primitive vocabulary and sometimes go on to attend the country's finest universities, so did choir members depend on their elementary beginnings to take them to the top of their musical field.

CHOIR MEMBERS PERFORM the seasons' favorite pieces at the annual Christmas concert. "This Is Our Story," and fill the audience with holiday festivity.

"Choir is a place that's not like a regular classroom. Students benefit first by learning about performance. Singing is a discipline like playing the piano or any instrument."

— Mr. Bernard A. Butt

music correctly.

Choral Instructor Bernard A. Butt offered a wide range of classes based on the progressive system. Girls' Glee Club and 'B Choir' were open to anyone who enjoyed singing, while 'A Choir' required previous experience with music and a prepared audition. Students in ensemble classes like Carousels had to sing at the performance level.

"Singing is fun. It teaches you how to

CAROLERS — Front Row: Lori Druder, Tony Strudenath, Jim Rodgers, Matt Nelson. Second Row: Susan Eldridge, Kerry Lewandowski, Tiffany Meyers, Carissa Casban, Teri Miller, Karen Frattish. Third Row: Erin McClanahan, Tam Coe, Eilyn Talan, Stephanie Mammel, Chris Parker, Lori Harmon, Chris Hamrick, Michelle Krayniak. Back Row: Andrew Bray, Eddie Hurni, Robert Mansavage, Meredith Valler, Erick Saresina, Mark Rotheker, Mark Hanner.



'A' CHOIR — Front Row: Ken Fetto, Kevin Gray, Matt Nelson, Shannon Berris, Teri Miller, Kathy Crawford, Jessica Armstrong, Lori Bruder, Carissa Cosbon, Karen Frohish, Dawn Landry, Stephanie Monnel, Liz Hofferth, Darren Clauss, Rico Sem-ento, Eddie Hunt, Joe Drew, Erin Bland, Bernard

Butt. Second Row: Erick Staresino, Erin McClan-ahon, Kevin Hart, Susan Eldridge, Kerry Lewandowski, Lori Homan, Michelle Kraynak, Stephanie Bauer, Amie Charlson, Tiffany Myers, Laura Cole, Carole Carman, Mario Phillips, Jason Ranca, Jim Vajda, Bob Monsavage, Back Row:

Chris Parker, Tom Coe, Mark Hanner, Laurie Eb-erhardt, Meredith Valler, Ellyn Talan, Kathy En-gel, Katherine Wright, Mindy Heindold, Lisa Cazza, Jenny Hogstrom, Suzi Fornum, Eugene Carnell, John Lyon, Shannon Howe, Rony Ruck-er, Andrew Bray, Tony Studenath.



GIRLS' GLEE — Front Row: Julie Ann Sorenson, Mi-chele Saxe, Amy Kutansky, Merrill Ruggaber, Kristin Sherwood, Jennifer Haight, Joyce Stever, Second Row: Bridget Odum, Kim Kantod, Tricia Howe, Elisabeth Stingley, Michele Blackwell, Robyn Fritts, Back Row: Rachel Johnson, Jacquie Duvall, Karen Veal, Nicole Reid, Sarah Gleason, Erica Schultz.

'B' CHOIR — Front Row: Lorelei Demass, Sheila Urbondczyk, Sheila Wilson, Missy Moore, April Marshall, Cindy Matthews, Nicki Pequet, Second Row: Julie Kissinger, Holly Oeding, Danya Perkins, Shannon Alexander, Kim Dennington, Heidi Kellog, Third Row: Teresa Rucker, Sharon Howe, Tami Vanderwilt, Christo Clifford, Melissa Defel-ice, Jennifer Portburg, Back Row: Kristen Miller, Tara Kiernan, Jennifer Demass, Kathryn Park, Lisa Phillips, Ami Woods, Jim Rodgers. 'B' Choir acted as a stepping stone to success.

CAROUSELS — Front Row: Kim Dennington, Sarah Gleason, Kathy Crawford, Elisabeth Hafferth, Kris-tin Miller, Jennifer Portburg, Second Row: Tricia Howe, Robyn Fritts, Amy Kutansky, Missy Moore, Susan Fornum, Katie Park, Third Row: Rachel Johnson, Jennifer Haight, Joyce Stever, Erica Schultz, Stephanie Monnel, Tami Vanderwilt, Kathie Engel. Carousel members combined song and dance to entertain audiences while they performed their musical favorites. Concerts and various performances required singers to put in extra hours of rehearsal time, proving their ded-ication to the musical arts.



VOICES SING IN harmony as members of Girls' Glee Club perform for their listeners. The girls not

only performed concerts but met regularly as a class.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM rouses fans as senior drum major Lara Malet gives the 'instruments ready' signal to the Marching Band. Malet led the three-member drum major corps for two years.

Kids bring music alive

performance

By Jennifer Barker

Nervous butterflies, last-minute rehearsals, the heat of brightly-colored stogelights — the thrill of performing before an audience lured many students to participate in the creative arts. Like the theatre and vocal choirs, band and orchestra required determination, dedication, and talent from their members.

Such musical organizations offered students an outlet for their creative energies and, despite nerve-

tors' National Convention in Indianapolis. "This is a chance for music instructors from all over the country, even outside the country, to gather to learn more about their profession," Daniel Pritchett, associate director of bonds, said. "It's quite an honor for our band to perform there."

The biennial convention will feature special appearances by performers like trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and the Canadian Brass band.

Band members continued their success into the Indiana All-State Honors Band. Of 1,100 students who auditioned, VHS musicians accounted for an impressive 16 of 92 students selected. "Not very many bands in the state have ever gotten over 20, although we did have 28 once," Robert G. Miller, director of music for Volparolso Community Schools, said.

State solo and ensemble contests, which took place February 27, provided another boost of confidence for individual band members, who amongst themselves scored a total of 22 firsts. Senior Tom Trost, who played the baritone, and senior Andy Osburn, French horn player, both earned perfect scores, along with three ensembles who scored perfect 'sevens.'

Trost's talent put him into the national spotlight when he was selected as a member of the McDonald's All-American High School Band, the third Volparolso musician ever to do so.

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"What happens here couldn't happen in many other places. This community is interested in a wide balance of things and wants a well-rounded program. Parents, too, helped the kids achieve this musical excellence.

— Mr. Daniel Pritchett

rocking auditions and endless rehearsals, musicians went to any length to improve and preserve their art.

Whether performing a solo act or filling out a 70-piece band, students turned to band and orchestra to find a place of their own in a competitive field.

'A Band' was one of three high school bands in the nation chosen to attend and perform at the Music Educa-





SENIOR CLARINETISTS CONCENTRATE on their piece, while "A Band" rehearses concert music. Musicians prepared months in advance for state contests. Band met as a class, but also as an extra-curricular activity for those interested in the musical arts.

STUDENT MUSICIANS BOAST school spirit as Pep Band members play a snappy tune at a home basketball game. One of many branches of the band, Pep Band met regularly after school.



"A BAND" MEMBERS — Front Row: Melinda Eichhorn, Stephanie Henriques, Ann Boguslawski, Becky Tobey, Jennifer Damer, Beth Ambelang, Karen Brennan, Jennifer Bryant, Sarah Munka, Gwen Kenney, Laurie Bell, Jennifer Olmstead, Jennifer Curtis, Sara Johnson. Second Row: Heather Mallett, Heidi Kleit, Jeanne Neuchterlein, Dan Marlison, Stacy Janasiak, Kristin Campbell, Sue

Dalhaver, Rob Wilbern, Lori Leverich, Katrina Kickbush, Susan Eldrige, Melinda Gerber, David Tamaska, Lara Maiera, Kim Miller, Pam Betz, Melissa Patrick. Third Row: Jennifer Cole, Andy Osburn, Dick Wardrop, Christina Johnson, Angela Giron, Karl Kraatz, Rani Sier, Chris Cole, Mike Sarsensen, Kristin Hartwig, Jeff Kaleth, Meghan Martin, Jay Telschow, Toni Dauthitt. Fourth Row: Clay

Arnett, Amy Smith, Sarah Mullin, Van Evanoff, Shawn Brennan, Mike Crowley, Jeff Stanczak, David Kelly, David Castleman, Josh Grube, David Miller, Mike Grote, Chris Bradley, Mike Jensen, Ken Alexander, Jim Ehrenburg, Jeff Dygert, Roger Weideman. Back Row: Lori Huber, Tam Silhavy, Craig Hartman, Aaron Taylor, Rebecca VanDenburg, Dan Laur, Tam Trast.

'B Bond' — Front Row: Kathy Johnson, Cheryl Oelling, Jennifer Weller, Laura Harrison, Jenny Nettles, Cori Kelly, Jennifer Mutko, Barb Downey, Amy Hill, Amy Bonifas. Second Row: Ashley Cochran, Shannon Siefert, Erin Lepp, David Manning, Nikki Oswald, Kristin Gorder, Becky Fox, Amy Dory, Tonya Senne. Third Row: Chris Bell, Scott Miller, Jennifer Wostell, Angie Robinson, Jenny Conner, Nikki Johnson, Anjeanette Nobles, Tomi Jondo, Leon Smith, Matt Murphy, Amy

Mayer, Becky Nicholson, Andreo Hackett, Chris Spejewski, Sheri Yerkes. Fourth Row: Jeff Dudzienski, Mike Fleming, Syron Montrevil, Carole Common, Chris Funk, Cindy Longwell, Stephanie Eteler, Komi Kroatz, Doug Doye, Cloy Patton, April Cosban, Jennifer Urbanczyk, Nicole Shoffer, Kandel Coolman, Christine Kickbush, Julie Pfeleeger. Fifth Row: Jono Craig, Joret Millor, Tom Riley, Jeff Zedowski, Sieve Tuyschoevers, Jack Bryont, Mark McMurrey, Chris Rondolph, Greg

Dudzienski, Rob McGough, Jim Colzocorto, Andy Jones, Bort Kuebler, Michelle Riffel, Brock Row, Brett Dygert, Jeff Bruder, Joison Koselke, Ryan Rickman, David Maloney, Don Klinefelter, Ryan Louer, Jeff Hess, Marcio Moniak, Dono Jensen, Chris Davis, Paulo Gifford, Dominic Notaro. Not pictured: Gordon Livingstone, Christy Anderson, Chelle Crowe. 'B Bond' strove to follow in the footsteps of 'A Bond,' the 1988 State champion ship winner.



ORCHESTRA — Front Row: June Rauch, Amando Hopkins, Jennifer Henderson, Wendy Berner. Second Row: Jeff Dennington, Goya Abey, Natalie Wayne, David Tomosko, Stacy Reynolds, Scott

Maesch. Third Row: Deepo Parli, Mike Landry, Julie Kissinger, Bob Richards, Mike Griffin, Matt King. Back Row: Kathy Swietzer, Hannah Smith, Stacy Patch, Toni Douthitt.

PLAYERS LISTEN INTENTLY as Robert Miller, Director of Music for Valparaiso Community Schools, conducts "Festival of the Bells" at the city-wide Christmas Concert. The concert was just one of the many appearances the orchestra made throughout the year.



GETTING HELP ON their projects from instructor Daniel Pritchett, seniors Teri Miller, and Rebecca Vandenbure and junior Angelo Gilton check their work. Their assignment was for Music Theory class.





CONCENTRATION IS ESSENTIAL. AS junior Toni Douthitt plucks her bass carefully to the music. Douthitt is a multi-talented member of the orchestra, playing both the cello and the bass.

strike up the band performance

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In addition to the McDonald's Band, Trast was among 18 students named to the All-State Jazz Band, this time playing trombone. "To be selected for two different national bands on two different instruments — that blows my mind," Pritchett said.

Marching Band rehearsals began in late August, as students defied the summer heat to prepare their routines. "The season went as easily as any marching season could. I was very pleased," Pritchett said.

Students witnessed some reconstruction in the arrangement of bands this year. Directors eliminated 'C Band' and divided their musicians into a 70-piece 'B Band' and an 85-piece 'A Band.'

Musical excellence continued into the orchestra, where students displayed their talents by performing in a variety of concerts. The Christmas Concert and the All Northern String Festival brought musicians together to exchange ideas and techniques, while state contests gave them an opportunity for friendly competition.

The Music Department also offered musical education in a classroom atmosphere. Students of Music Theory learned the fundamentals of music, from basic composition to developing an ear for pitch and rhythm. Jazz improvisation offered a more individually-paced course where students could develop personal styles.

Miller attributed much of the department's success to a hard-working and dedicated senior class. "We had an outstanding group of seniors this year, the kind that comes along once every six or eight years," he said. "They were, by far, above average."

Community support was also an important part of the music program, according to Pritchett. "What happens here couldn't happen in many other places. This community is interested in a wide balance of things and wants a

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— Mr. Robert Miller

well-rounded school program," he said.

By taking advantage of the school's many musical opportunities, students got a foothold in an exclusive field. Despite grueling practice schedules and occasional attacks of stage fright, student musicians continued to make sacrifices for their art and learned to greatly appreciate the gift of music through band and orchestra.



MAZE CONTESTS. IN which students raced marbles through their finished products, provided incentive for sophomore Todd Gazdich.

CREATING A BLIND maze for Wood Technology I, sophomore Brian Burge concentrates on the detailed design.



USING A DIGITIZER to enter CAD data, junior Tim Ragsdale watches the computer screen awaiting results. Computer-Aided Drafting meets during a two hour block each day.



Living in a new age

technology

By Larkin Riley

Industrial arts, currently referred to as Industrial Technology, is no longer a "men only" interest. Advancing technology is a major part of everyday life, and the Industrial Technology department gave students, male and female alike, a head start.

"In present-day life people need to be technically literate to fit into a changing society. You would not believe the number of people that can't even work a VCR," David Kenning, electronics instructor, said.

The Industrial Technology department actually contained two departments within itself. The first, Industrial Technology, was made up of various technology classes, mostly one hour introductory courses, which emphasized basic skills. The second included two-hour Vocational Technology courses which, in most cases, served as job training.

"Graduates of the Vocational Technology classes, in most cases, went on to jobs or to further their technical education in college," Lance Nalting, instructor, said.

Included in the variety of courses offered through the Industrial Technology Department are Commercial Food

Service, Drafting, Electronics, Metals, Woods, and Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD).

"Not only are students graded on written work, but also laboratory work, which is important because working problems out with one's hands gives one a better knowledge of the material," Nalting said.

Industrial Technology classes relied on both textbooks and actual ma-

"I don't know how many times I've read about highly paid corporate persons agreeing that Industrial Technology should be required in high school."

— Mr. Lance Nalting

chinery. Practical exams, in which students constructed something using various pieces of equipment, tested students' knowledge of both.

Industrial Technology is part of everyday life, and students were able to prepare themselves for life in the computer-age.

AS SOPHOMORE AMIEE McKuen edits drawings during Computer-Aided Drafting, teacher Frank Harvath gives advice on her nine-weeks' project.



Promoting success

guarantee

By Billie Brooks

Television commercials, newspaper ads, billboards, and promotional campaigns — the average American encounters such advertising techniques within the course of a single day and is easily influenced by a clever sales pitch.

Like a well-trained advertising executive, the Pre-Vocational Education Department (PVE) selected a client

"I like contact with the students and leaving in the afternoon to sell a product to the community. I go in and put my reputation on the line. I guarantee the product."

— Mr. Jerry Hager

and attempted to sell its product. In this case, the client was no large international corporation, but the Volporaiso community itself. Products to be sold were not Swiss watches and German automobiles, but the marketable skills of students themselves.

Jerry Hager, PVE coordinator, persuaded local businesses to hire students for part-time work, personally guaranteeing the students' dependability. "I like contact with the students and leaving in the afternoon to sell a product to the community. I go in and

put my reputation on the line. I guarantee the product," Hager said.

Hager emphasized team effort in class projects, and students developed a healthy working relationship by exchanging information and helpful hints. By working together, students learned new skills and built their confidence. "I like to help people out. It fulfills my interests" junior Becky Carpenter said.

By offering a variety of classes including Foods and Family Living, the Home Economics Department taught students basic skills which teachers thought essential for future independent living.

"Home economics is what's going to help them in life the most," Mory Stephon, home economics chairperson, said. "Everything you learn in home economics you can take to the outside world."

Health Occupation classes prepared students for a future career in the dental field. Many students had a chance to work part-time in local dentists' offices, opportunities provided by Mrs. Delores Hildreth, health careers coordinator.

Having had to sell themselves to the community as valuable commodities, students in PVE, home economics, and health occupations classes learned the tricks of the trade first-hand. While the marketability of most products is left to their manufacturers, students took quality control into their own hands and insured their own future success.

ADJUSTING HER PANT leg to the correct length, freshman Kim Rucker prepares to hem. Clothing students were required to complete three projects.



STUDENTS IN MRS. Cheryl Bagnall's Child Development class learn to rely on patience and imagination when teaching preschool children crafts.

TO PREPARE FOR french crepes, senior Chuck Stokes mixes strawberries for filling. Following directions was stressed in Foods classes.



FRESHMAN MICHELE SAXE concentrates on stitching without making mistakes. Advanced Cloth-

ing students worked individually on projects which they selected.



AS PART OF the PVE program, senior Leesa Snyder works part-time at Greek's Pizzeria. PVE offered students a chance to experience jobs in several fields.

PREPARING BLACK AND white negatives for enlargement, seniors Tammy Meyers and Darin Cleveland follow standard darkroom procedure in Photography class.

THE HARD ROCK Cafe makes an eye catching subject for junior Chad Washburn, who, for a Painting assignment, created a collage which incorporated the restaurants decor.



A PSYCHEDELIC SELF-PORTRAIT requires imagination and creativity, as junior Mark Briggs completes his assignment for Advanced Drawing.



Developing finer tastes

individuality

By Larkin Riley

Classical theatre, French wines, the opera, and fine art. For some, these are the epitome of sophistication and good taste. Most people, however, may not realize the hours of effort going into each work of art.

An artist's specialty, be it theatrical, musical, or artistic, serves as a form of self-expression. The Mona Lisa reflects Leonardo Da Vinci's personal style, just as Rodin's classic sculpture, "The Thinker," expresses the importance of philosophy in man's life.

People have spent lifetimes in search of a medium for individuality. Artistic students can continue their quest for self-expression through art and photography courses.

Art classes provided students with a necessary outlet for creativity, enabling them to reveal, through their works of art, a part of themselves for others to see and admire.

Robert Cain, art teacher, strongly believes in art for art's sake. According to Cain, students should consider taking art history or art appreciation, if not in hopes of continuing with related classes, then to understand the personal ef-

fort behind each work of art.

The department's three instructors taught a variety of classes, including basic art, sculpting, painting, and photography. Also offered were advanced classes in commercial art, printmaking, jewelry, and small sculpture.

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"In my classes, there is less competition due to students' being graded on their own work and attitudes toward the class. Each student has a chance to grow and release their natural abilities."

— Mr. Kurt Anderson

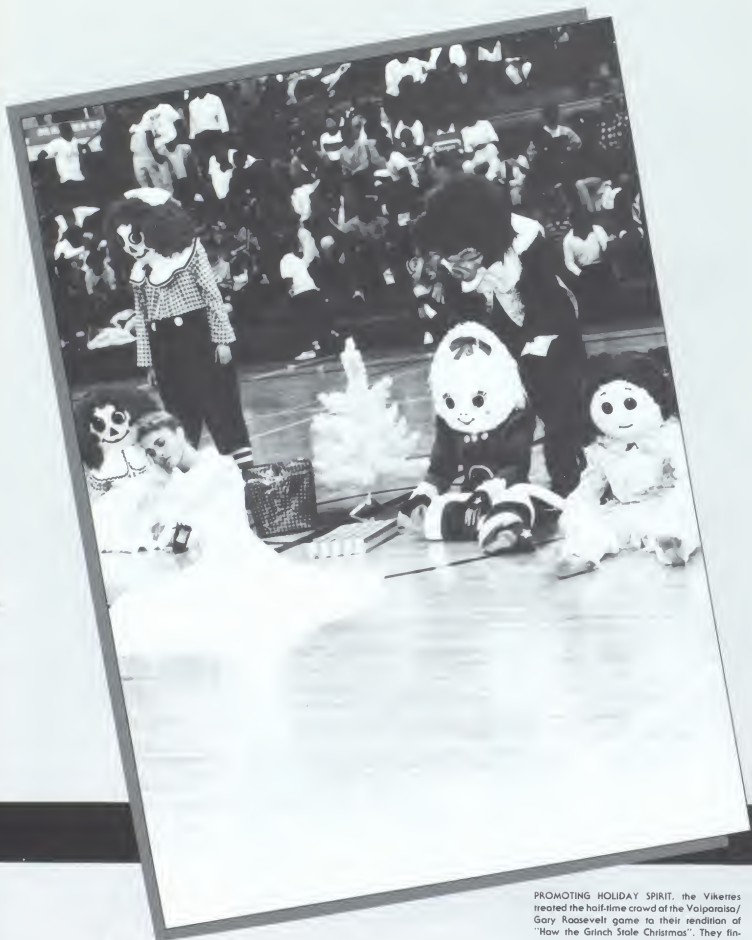
ral abilities," Kurt Anderson, art department chairperson, said.

Many of Anderson's "truly gifted students" found art to be a natural outlet for creativity and chose to continue their art education.

While few students could claim artistic talents equal to that of Da Vinci, photography and art courses gave students a new understanding and appreciation for the finer things in life.



JEWELRY/SMALL SCULPTURE class requires junior Mark Szymanski's artistic talent.



PROMOTING HOLIDAY SPIRIT, the Vikes treated the half-time crowd at the Valparaiso/Gary Roosevelt game to their rendition of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". They finished their program traditionally by tossing candy into the Viking stands.

You Name It

By Jennifer Barker

It takes a lot to brave the crowds and make a personal statement without getting trampled by an enormous student body. Students often found they couldn't do it alone and turned to extra-curricular clubs and organizations.

Changing student interests prompted the creation of two new social clubs. Games masters focused on those with an interest in the intrigue and strategies of challenging mind games. The newly-formed German Club, sponsored by Elke Bowman, was also well-received among students. The club's success was an indication of the increased popularity of the German language.

Members of older and more established organizations reaped the long-awaited rewards of their efforts. After years of hitting the books, Academic Decathlon members' hard work paid off, as they took their competition to Regionals and returned with a second-place finish. The team wasn't finished by any means, however, and went on to place at State.

Fun, relaxation, and social activity attracted students to groups like the Foreign Exchange Club and Drama Club. Clubs like these planned frequent trips to Chicago and organized numerous club social events.

Other organizations, such as V-Teens aStudents Against Driving Drunk, stressed community service as their primary function.

Whether we bought tickets to the Drama Club's "Romeo and Juliet," picked up a copy of the *Viking Press*, or jammed at a SADD soc-hop, the influence of extra-curricular activities on the student body was obvious.

Student organizations insured that student involvement was not limited to the classroom and gave students a chance to make a name for themselves, as part of a group as well as individuals.



PREPARING FOOD BOXES. sophomores Connie Delumpa and Kara Utiss take inventory of the items collected during the Student Council food-drive. The drive brought in 1 1/4 tons of food.

WORKING TOGETHER In the media center, senior Academic Decathlon members Christa Eichberger and Kristin Casbon demonstrate the study skills used in preparation for competition. Casbon was offered a scholarship to Purdue University at Calumet for her outstanding performance at the regional competition.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM — Front Row: Tricia Dennis, Kristan Casbon, Christa Eichberger, Anne Marie Marshall. Back Row: Coach Nancy Bender, Ken Alexander, Jan Young, Chris Bradley, Carl Frey, Coach John Hershberger.



ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL TEAM — Front Row: Dan Klinefelter, Niha Nagubadi, Scott Newsom, Amy Mayer, Heidi Kleit, Todd Newsom. Back Row: Jeff Carmichael, Anne Marie Marshall, Amy Baker, Heidi Kellogg, Jennifer Curtis, Mike Sorenson, Ken Taylor, Jan Young, Ken Alexander, Coach Elizabeth Hall.

SPELL BOWL TEAM — Front Row: Catherine Perlat, Katie Park, Sandi Biggs, Marybelle Ang. Back Row: Patrick Feaster, Scott Campbell, Ashesh Sovia, Carl Frey, Ken Taylor. Spell Bowl was sponsored by Mr. Ben Austin.



Thinking big

By Julie Robinson

Athletes train long, hard hours to be the best in their particular areas of competition. In exchange for their efforts, they gain respect, recognition, and a sense of accomplishment. Contrary to popular belief, however, athletics were not the sole source of these rewards. Students discovered that exercising their mental capabilities allowed them to succeed in academic competition.

Academic Decathlon, Academic Super Bowl, Spell Bowl, and Quiz Bowl gave students with a strong interest in learning an opportunity to demonstrate the results of their dedication and, at the same time, share the fun of an extra-curricular activity.

"Competition gives students a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. They realize that learning is a joy in itself," Mrs. Elizabeth Holl, Academic Super Bowl sponsor, said.

Academic team members were chosen on a basis of interest, grades, and time available to devote to after-school practices. Topics covered a wide range of categories, and students took part in competition with area schools.

The competitions seem to draw top-notch students," Mr. Ben Austin, Quiz Bowl and Spell Bowl sponsor, said.

Academic Decathlon members were placed in one of three divisions according to their grade point averages. Each student competed in ten different subject areas, including fine arts, economics, interviewing, and essay writing.

"Members of the team become well-rounded and learned self-discipline," Decathlon sponsor Nancy Bender said.

"Academic Decathlon takes up a lot of time, so we have to be dedicated, or it just won't work. It's different from school because no one is forcing us to do the work. It's all up to us whether or not we want to put the time into it," senior Carl Frey, Academic Decathlon, Academic Super Bowl, and Spell Bowl member, said.

Academic competition was certainly not limited, and members were encouraged to rely on their knowledge of a broad range of topics, reflecting a variety of students' interests.

Students proved that the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat were not limited to athletes. Academic competitors brought forth a new breed of "athletes" who worked with their minds rather than their bodies to capture victory.



QUIZ BOWL TEAM — Scott Campbell, Ken Taylor, Pete Speckhard, Ashesh Savla. Quiz Bowl was sponsored by Mr. Ben Austin.

THOUGHTS STRAYED TEMPORARILY from mice and men as "Flowers for Algernon" director Sue Shurte applies the finishing touches. Cost member Keisho Adams receives some individual attention from the first-time high school director.

Packing in the crowd

By Heather Fierst

Actors and actresses frantically adjust their costumes, whisper last-minute rehearsals, and rush to their places on stage. Hauselights dim, the curtains rise, and the audience breaks into applause.

Like actors in a stage production, members of Drama Club and Speech Team learned to please their audience, fellow students and judges alike, and made their performance successful.

"Drama Club is a group in which you can express yourself openly. The people are really outgoing," senior Becky Tabey said.

Faced with several obstacles, Drama Club members struggled to make their season enjoyable. Mrs. Alice Gambel, Drama Club sponsor, took maternity leave during first semester, and the club had to rely on its officers to manage club affairs.

"It was difficult, but we did the best we could under the circumstances," Club President Scott Newsam said. Officers planned trips to Chicago, where members shopped, attended a performance of "Pump Boys and Dinettes" at the Apalla Theatre, and visited Second City toward the year's end.

"Going to see 'Pump Boys and Dinettes' at the Apalla was a great experience. The theatre was really beautiful and the show was well done," Tabey said.

Two directors stepped in to replace Gambel, helping to ease the confusion of a hectic season. Sue

Shurte, of the Community Theatre Guild, and Robert C. Baetel, of Immanuel Lutheran grade school, directed "Flowers for Algernon" and "Romeo and Juliet" respectively.

Speech Team, sponsored by Mrs. Cheryl Maesch and Ms. Barbara Miller, completed its second full season of competition. Members met after school to prepare for meets which began in late October. Saturdays were spent attending meets arranged by schools in Northwest Indiana.

"It was hard getting up early on Saturday, but competition was really challenging and fun so it was worth the sacrifice," saphamare Scott Maesch said. According to Miller, the early mornings and hours of practice paid off. Over half the students involved in competition placed in every meet.

Speech team members Leslie Fritz, Tami Blamberg, Jeff Carmichael, Tina Papacranis, Rich Zachiewicz, Jenny Stanier, Gwen Kenney, Scott Newsam, Narm Robertson, Steve Abel, Amy Baker, Derek Nicoletta, and Ken Taylor qualified for regional competition.

Saphamare Laura Stanier won first place honors in her division advancing her to the state meet where she placed 16th.

Though at times they struggled, Drama Club and Speech Team members shone in the spotlight. Students learned to speak and act with confidence before an audience, skills which Newsam called "well worth the sacrifices."



DRAMA CLUB OFFICERS — Front Row: Carissa Cosbon, vice-president; Scott Newsam, president; Jeff Dudlinski, representative; Derek Nicoletta, historian; Jeff Carmichael, representative. Back Row: Tom Coe, representative; Tiffany Myers, secretary.



SPEECH TEAM OFFICERS — Scott Newsam, vice-president; Tina Papacranis, secretary/treasurer; Jeff Carmichael, president.



BOOSTING STUDENT INTEREST in the performing arts, Drama Club officers Carissa Casbon and Scott Newsam displayed candid photos of recent productions and presented the videotaped 1980 version of "Godspell" during the Club Fair in September.

PERFECTING THEIR SPEECH in the Commons, sophomore Katie Parks and junior Lynn Stacey exercise "Bad Habits." Parks and Stacey rehearsed nearly every day and, as a result, placed in the top six in every meet.



SPEED AND ACCURACY take top priority as Office Education Association (OEA) member Vikki Kocher, senior, types a business letter in Office Training Lab.



DURING THE CLUBS Fair in the Commons, senior VICA member Mike Bean informs students about the Vocational Clubs of America by distributing flyers and showing a slide show.

FOCUSING HIS ATTENTION, VICA member Calvin Hamilton, senior, works with a metal drill in Machine Trades class. Mr. John Angus sponsored the Machine Trades division of VICA.



Members find future

By Heather Fierst

Clocking typewriters, whirling word-processors and hommering tools sounded through the hallways as career club members participated in extra-curricular activities.

Emphasizing hands-on experience, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Office Education Association (OEA), and Vocational Industry Clubs of America (VICA) combined job training and friendly competition.

"I joined DECA because I plan to study business in college. It's really fun, and I've met a lot of new people," senior Susan Shurr said.

DECA, sponsored by Mrs. Judy Commers, put students' marketing skills to use by planning fundraising events. Profits were used to send members to state contest, where they competed in public speaking, advertising, and marketing techniques. Club functions also included finding part-time jobs in the community for second-year DECA members.

Students interested in business-related office jobs or secretarial school often joined OEA for support. "OEA really helped me prepare for secretarial school. The class is just like working in a real office," senior Diona Fauser said.

Sponsored by Mrs. Cindy Stoulbom, OEA trained students in a two-hour intensive office-training lab. Members learned to deal with job pressure and to work productively with co-workers and employers.

Less fortunate members of the community received support when OEA adopted a needy family. Members kept the Christmas spirit alive by donating food baskets to a particular family. Baskets included hotdogs and lunchmeats for young children and hom for older family members.

While OEA and DECA served as business-related functions, VICA catered to students with an interest in vocational training. The club's four separate divisions included electronics, machine trades, architecture, and health occupations, all of which participated in district, regional, and state competitions. These competitions tested practical skills and classroom knowledge.

Whether changing tires or typewriter ribbons, career club members used their practical training and competitive skills to prepare for successful futures. Students interested in careers in marketing, business, health, or electronics found support in extra-curricular clubs which allowed them to continue working towards their goals.

OEA OFFICERS — Front Row: Lori Jordan, historian; Kelly Campbell, secretary. Back Row: Tamey Dupp, president; Neallie Jones, treasurer; Dana Erdelac, vice-president. OEA members prepared for business careers.



VICE PRESIDENTS — Front Row: Chris Gale (architecture); Randy Cathcart (machine trades). Back Row: Troy Levendowski (drafting); Jas-an Casben (ITC).

Teens benefit

By Heather Fierst

Professional organizations including the American Bar Association, American Medical Association, and American Dental Association induct only the most qualified people into their elite groups. In the same way, National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, and the Thespians Society recognize students in academics, journalism, and theatre.

National Honor Society (NHS), sponsored by Jean Heckman and Judy Lebryk, honored juniors and seniors who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or better throughout their high school careers. Membership in NHS made seniors eligible for college scholarships of \$500 or more.

"We use the money we raise from the flower sale to fund the NHS scholarship and to buy books that the Learning Center cannot afford," President Susan Hersemann said.

High school journalists aimed high through Quill and Scroll, a national honor society for journalists. Quill and Scroll members must rank in the top third of their class and have served on a publication, the Valenion or Viking Press, for one year.

"Members were formally initiated at the Spring Journalism Awards Banquet in the cafeteria," sponsor Glorio Zimmerman said.

Students with a flair for the dramatic arts found an outlet for their talent in Thespians, an international society. Members were required to be active in Drama Club and have earned at least 10 points, each representing 15 hours of theatre work.

The dramatic group, which spotlighted theatre students dedicated to their craft, awarded plaques of membership at the May Drama Club Banquet.

Although still at the amateur level, NHS, Quill and Scroll, and Thespians gave students a feeling of accomplishment as well as a boost of confidence.



FRIENDSHIP FLOWERS ADD cheer to sophomore Shannon Deal's day as Judy Lebryk, assistant NHS sponsor, distributes the Valentine's Day bouquets to her class.

PUTTING THE FINISHING touches on her cross-country layout, senior Jennifer Curtis weighs her picture options. Selecting pictures and writing copy were essential skills for the high school journalist.



NHS OFFICERS — Front Row: Susan Heiseemom, president; Kris Alles, secretary; Lora Molers, treasurer. Back Row: Marc Hamacher, vice-president; Scott Campbell, flower sales choirperson.



QUILL AND SCROLL — Front Row: Mrs. Gloria Zimmerman, Alex Capeland, Tami Blamberg, Callen Flory, Jeni Hraboto, Gwen Kenney, Jeff Carmichael, Tiffany Myers, Heather Fierst. Second Row: Jennifer Barker, Scott Maesch, Jason Carris, Jennifer Curtis, Matt Janowski, Julie Robinson, Jen Mitol. Back Row: Melissa Bubik, Susy Yelkovic, Larkin Riley, Pete Speckhard, Billie Brooks, Sue Dalhaver, Lois Givlis.



THESPIANS — Front Row: Jeni Banjeon, Jeff Carmichael, Scott Newsum, John Meeker. Second Row: Carissa Casban, Amie Chaitson, Paul Kroger, Tiffany Myers. Back Row: Tom Coe, Mark Hanner, Erica Shultz. Not pictured: Mindy Heinald, Debbie Gill, Derek Niccolento, Steve Abel.

Playing all that jazz

By Julie Robinson

Working overtime on any task is usually considered a nuisance that must be tolerated from time to time. Students involved in the jazz program, however, dedicated hours of time after school to practice their musical skills.

The larger of the two jazz groups, Studio Bond, consisted of three types of students. Director Daniel Pritchett explained that many of the members were underclassmen using Studio Bond as an opportunity to polish their technique before moving up to Jazz Ensemble.

Other members used this opportunity to work on playing a second instrument. Some students, although capable of playing in Jazz Ensemble, simply didn't have the time to devote to it and opted for Studio Bond's less demanding practice schedule.

Membership in Jazz Ensemble was attained by audition only. The group played more advanced selections than Studio Bond and allowed students to play a more enjoyable style of music than found in concert band, one that reflected their personal style and individuality.

"The students are willing to devote their time because they like the music. They enjoy jazz as an

art form. It's a whole different style of music," Pritchett said.

Seemingly endless private practice, private lessons, and group rehearsal culminated in VHS jazz bands' becoming some of the best in the state. While the Concert 'A Band' made waves with its success at state contests, having captured the 1988 State title, jazz band members were quickly making their way to the top.

Both groups played in several competitions and festivals. Their high ratings, which included second out of 28 bands in Rock Island, Illinois, and second of 48 bands in South Bend, were proof of their excellence.

Jazz Band met as an extracurricular group, unlike many of the band's competitors who featured jazz band as a class. Jazz Ensemble members also attended an invitational clinic at Northern Illinois University.

Dedication and hard work sometimes seem uncommon in today's world. A visit to a Studio Bond or Jazz Ensemble practice, however, instills faith that when one enjoys the work, the result can be looked upon (or, in this case, listened to) with pride.



JAZZ ENSEMBLE — Front: Director Daniel Pritchett. Kneeling: David Kelly, Bart Kuebler, Jeff Dudzienski, Clay Amett, Chris Funk. Sitting: Raul Sier, Michael Sorenson, Tom Silhovoy, Wendy Berner, Dan Louer, Christy Johnson. Standing: Don Klinefelter, David Miller, Mike Grube, Tom Trost, Michael Jensen, Mindy Eichhorn, Becca VanDenBurg, Greg Dudzienski. On Ladder: David Costleman, Mike Crowley, Josh Grube, Aaron Taylor.



SENIOR TOM TROST works on his technique during a Jazz Ensemble practice. Trost was named to McDonald's All-American High School Band.



STUDIO BAND — Front Row: Jason Kaselke, Greg Dudzienski, Amy Hill, Karl Kroatz, Angela Girian, Cindy Langwell, Katrina Kickbush. Second Row: Jeff Dudzienski, Jason Telschow, Marcia Maniak, Ryan Lauer, Jeff Kaleth, Jeff Dygett, Becca VanDenburgh. Third Row: Jack Bryant, Chris Randolph, Tam Riley, Jeff Zrodowski, Mark McMurtrey. Back Row: Clay Arnett, Andy Osburn, Pat Storesina. Director Daniel Pritchett.

PLAYING ELECTRIC GUITAR for the Studio Band, Junlar Andy Osburn demonstrates that jazz can be played on instruments other than the traditional brass and woodwinds.

AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES enable jazz ensemble members to polish their musical skills. Under the direction of Daniel Pritchett, the group attended competitions and festivals throughout the state.



IN ADDITION TO providing an opportunity for students to unwind Friday nights, soc hops were the principal fund-raisers for most clubs and organizations. These weekly, shoeless dances typically earned anywhere from \$600 to \$1000.

MARCHING BAND MEMBERS wait to perform at halftime of a home football game. Funds to finance band activities, uniforms and equipment were raised by the Band Parents Association's concession stand at football games and the annual home dinner.



THE POPCORN FESTIVAL provides an opportunity for Fellowship of Christian Athletes members Sara Johnson, Jennifer Curtis, Heather Mallett, and Amy Mayer to earn money by selling hamburgers and pop.



EARNING CASH MADE FUN BY CREATIVITY

By Pete Speckhard

Some of the world's greatest suggestions have never been put into practice because they were "cost prohibitive." Most fundraisers, however, such as washing cars or selling raffle tickets, tend to be stunningly dull. Many clubs and organizations overcome this problem through the use of creative fundraisers, which not only made money but often provided for a good time as well.

"When major fund-raisers are planned, we try to make people's contributions worth their while," Assistant Principal Steve Crank said. "What we don't want is a bunch of students out on the streets begging for money," he added.

"The [National Honor Society] flower sale usually makes about \$2,000. It works out well because everyone has a good time, and we make a lot of money in the process," senior Scott Campbell, flower sales chairman, said.

Clubs and organizations commonly

earned money by sponsoring a sac-hap or by arranging a bake sale during Wednesday lunch periods. Successful bake sales, which earned anywhere from \$40 to \$80, and sac-haps, which took in from \$600 to \$1,000, required much promotion beforehand.

"I liked our fund-raisers because they were never boring. We always planned something different," DECA member Sara Bernard, junior, said.

DECA, which prided itself on creative fund-raisers, sponsored a fall fashion show and a live air-band contest in the spring. Bands paid \$10 to compete in the contest and competed for the \$100 grand prize.

The band parents organization helped the band make money by running the concession stand at the home football games, and the chairs worked concessions at home basketball games to earn cash.

Organizations used fund-raisers as more than money makers. They were entertainment as well.



WORKING AT THE concessions stand, Mrs. Nancy Kibbush, a member of the Band Parents Association, helps raise funds for the band to buy instruments and uniforms and go on trips.

Putting ideas to work

By Julie Robinson

Like catalysts which scientists use to start a chemical reaction, student government provided the needed spark to turn ideas into reality. Student Council and the Student Faculty Senate served as voices of the student body in order to improve communication in both the school and community.

Student Council gave students the opportunity to get involved in projects rather than simply complaining about what needed to be done. "You're the one making things happen. You're not just watching other people do everything," President Trish Landstrom said.

Under the leadership of its new sponsor, Kevin Cessno, the council attempted to increase its effectiveness through organization. Parliamentary Procedure was adopted to keep meetings on track and to enable members to accomplish more in a shorter amount of time. Members proposed a new election system in which members of each class no longer ran for individual offices. Instead, the top four candidates in each class became officers based on the number of votes each received.

In addition to speaking on behalf of the student body, Student Council sponsored the annual Christmas dance and delivered Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to needy families throughout the com-

munity. The Christmas Food Drive was set up as a contest to determine which first period class would donate the most pounds per student.

Student Faculty Senate provided a forum for discussion that helped its members become aware of both sides of important issues. Members of school clubs were selected to serve on the senate while faculty members were chosen by Student Council and faculty nominations.

"By sharing ideas, there grows an appreciation for each other's point of view," Wes Maiers, club sponsor, said. Student Faculty Senate president Missy Baldwin added that working closely with the faculty helped students to understand and respect teachers' opinions and realize that the faculty is not always the opposition.

The group addressed several issues this year, including awareness of the hallway litter problem. The senate also presented the Spot B (simple pot on the back) Award to one adult and one student each week in recognition for an outstanding attitude or contribution to the school.

Those involved in student government discovered that it took just the right combination of good ideas and organization to produce the desired reaction. When ideas transformed into reality, however, students found it worth the effort.



STUDENT/FACULTY SENATORS - Front Row: Missy Baldwin, president; Matt Kryszinski, vice-president; Miss Elaine Dever, secretary; Jeff Carmichael, treasurer; Mr. Wes Maiers, sponsor. Second Row: Heidi Klein, Scott Newsom, Kathleen Brady, Roni Sier, Jennifer Mittel, Neallie Jones, Mrs. Carolyn Hardebeck, Mrs. Diane Davis, Tom Blomberg. Back Row: Alex Copeland, Mr. Paul Kalb, Paul Kraeger, Mr. James McMichael, Mr. Dale Ciciora.



STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS - Front Row: Trish Landstrom, president; Kathy Savich, treasurer; Paul Kraeger, parliamentarian. Back Row: Traci Zaladz, secretary; Kim Wright, sergeant-at-arms; Missy Baldwin, vice president.



TAKING IN THE atmosphere at the annual Student Council Christmas dance, seniors Holly Dennis and Shawn Williams enjoy a moment on the dance floor.

READING A PROPOSAL to the Student Council concerning the shirt policy, seniors Matt Krynsinski and Paul Kroeger gather student feedback before presenting their ideas to the Student Faculty Senate.



NON-PERISHABLE FOODS fill the Commons during the Student Council food drive. The club held a contest, won by Mr. Spears' class, offering a free pizza party to the first hour class collecting the most food.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGE STUDENTS take time to relax in a hot tub after a long day of travelling. Students took advantage of Dallastown, Pennsylvania's warm climate to enjoy the outdoors.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE CLUB OFFICERS — Front Row: Susan Heisemann, treasurer; Marc Homacher, vice-president; Jim Arnold, secretary. Back Row: Mr. Kevin Cessna, sponsor; Mrs. Marcia Arnold, sponsor; Lora Molers, president; Mrs. Diane Maryl, sponsor. Not pictured: Mrs. Elener Nelson, sponsor.



ANTIQUATED SIDESTREETS ALLOW tourists a personal look at French colonial life. Senior Jennifer Henderson, an exchange student during summer 1987, caught a glimpse of an ancient torture museum in Nancy, France.



Fusing cultures, customs

By Heather Fierst

Banajul Buenas Dias! Alahol Children from various cultures around the world greet tourists who sail through Walt Disney's animated attraction. "It's a Small World." Disney attempted to expand our horizons by exposing Americans to foreign cultures.

In the same way, Domestic and Foreign Exchange Clubs encouraged students to explore life in foreign countries as well as elsewhere in the United States.

"Domestic Exchange allowed students who have never been out of the Valparaiso school system to compare and contrast different communities," sponsor Nancy Bender said.

Students traveled east as part of an exchange with Dallastown Area High School in Dallastown, Pennsylvania. They toured Washington D.C. with their hosts while Domestic Exchange members greeted the Pennsylvania students.

"The program has been well received because it permitted students who can't afford a foreign exchange or who don't feel comfortable in a foreign country the chance to experience different American cultures," Bender added.

For those students interested in foreign cultures and traditions, the Foreign Exchange Club enabled members to meet exchange students through various field trips and International Weekend. Youth for Understanding arranged for many students to visit countries of their choice.

"Although most students go the summer between their junior and senior year, YFU can place a student for an entire year in some countries," President Lara Maiers said.

Students selected by YFU learned to adapt to new cultures in a short period of time. Most agreed that a trip was worth any inconveniences that occurred on the way.

"My luggage never arrived in France, but I learned a lot about myself as well as France. There's a new-found freedom when you're able to get around independently in a foreign city," senior Jennifer Henderson said. Henderson stayed in Nancy, France during the summer of 1987.

Students got a taste of cultures around the world through Domestic Exchange and Foreign Exchange Club, proving Walt Disney's philosophy to be true: it's a small world after all.

SENIORS LARA MAIERS, Laurie Bell, Grazella Menesella, and Ixasene Ocio explore a modern sculpture in Milwaukee. FEC travelled to Wisconsin during the four-day break in October.



SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE in the Domestic Exchange Program were — Front Row: Karen Frohish, Trish Londstrom, Sarah Andrews, Sec- and Row: Rachael Wither, Kristy Hager, Jamie Clark, Heidi Klett, Back Row: John Pitt, Missy Baldwin, Pete Reggie, Catherine Perlatot, Heather Moore. Not pictured: Heather Hoffman, Helene Spencer.

V-TEENS PRESIDENT SUSANNE Larguro escorts fellow senior Jeff Daxe, who was voted King of Hearts, to the platform to receive his crown. Daxe was elected by contributions made the week before the dance.

PREPARING DECORATIONS FOR the King of Hearts Dance. Junior Heather Miller and sophomore Kandel Coolman, V-Teens members, work together to make the event a success.



MINGLING WITH THE crowd at the YARC Halloween party, freshman Marcio Maniak, senior Cindy Standiford, club president, and sponsor Dawn Collins welcome their guests.



SADD OFFICERS — Front Row: Shelby Anderson, sec.; Coity Prosser, pres. Back Row: Karen Scott, v. pres.; Sara MacLennan, treas.



Helping out

By Julie Robinson

No man is on island, and everyone can use a helping hand now and then. Several school organizations welded another link in this worldwide fellowship chain. Three clubs working in various ways to assist their friends and neighbors included Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), Youth Association for Retarded Citizens (YARC), and V-Teens.

Under the guidance of sponsor Cathy Houin, SADD emphasized the "Just Say No" campaign. Club members worked with elementary school students explaining that alcohol isn't necessary to have a good time. Club members were also given the opportunity to attend conferences on the hazards of drinking and driving. The club also ran a "Celebrate Sober" campaign during Prom Week.

"SADD is a group of kids interested in doing something good for someone else. If you save one life, it's worth it," Houin explained. Students wishing to join SADD signed a contract with their parents promising not to drink and drive.

YARC provided a unique opportunity for the retarded citizens of the community. The organization sponsored holiday dances and a prom, as well as a trip to a basketball game for these residents. YARC gave them a night out which, as sponsor Dawn Collins explained, helped the adults as well as their families.

"You feel great because you've touched upon someone else's life. It's satisfying to know you've done something worthwhile," Collins said.

Sponsored by Karen Hartman, V-Teens combined community and school service. The club organized a Halloween party for faculty members' children, sang Christmas carols at the County Home, and played Bingo with nursing home residents.

V-Teens also sponsored an annual King of Hearts turn-about dance, whose profits went toward a \$500 donation to the American Heart Association.

"V-Teens gives its members experience in organizing and carrying through projects. It's also an opportunity for them to do something for someone else besides themselves," Hartman explained.

Many students learned through service clubs that helping others can be worthwhile. They proved without a doubt that a small group of students can have a substantial impact on their school and community.



YOUTH ASSOCIATION FOR Retarded Citizens Officers were Ann Tolan, vice-president, and Cindy Strandford, president.

V-TEENS OFFICERS — Penny Ryan, secretary; Carole Costa, treasurer; Rani Sier, vice president; Susanne Largura, president.

GRILLING BURGERS AT the FCA Popcorn Festival hamburger stand. Bernard Grabowski flips the meat while Marc Hamacher takes a break. Members worked shifts ranging from one-and-a-half to five hours.

FCA OFFICERS - Front Row: Sarah Johnson, secretary; Carl Frey, treasurer. Back Row: Kim Gatt, vice-president; Jim Arnold, president.



WEIGHTLIFTING/INTRAMURALS OFFICERS - Tim Thorley, vice-president (weightlifting); Chuck Williams, secretary/treasurer (weightlifting); Jason Mack, president (weightlifting); Laura Hanson, vice-president (intramurals); Heather Hoffman, president (intramurals).



Double the direction

By Heather Fierst

Pre-game jitters, tired and aching muscles, early morning and late night practices — these are just a few of the discomforts athletes must endure during a single season.

Athletics' lives can be mentally demanding as well as physically exhausting, and rest and relaxation are a welcome relief. It takes a little more, however, to cure an athlete's emotional needs, which is just what two sports organizations did for 1987-88 athletes.

One such organization was the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which helped students cope spiritually. Mr. Sam Rosmussen and Mr. Dale Cicioro sponsored FCA, whose officers included Jim Arnold, president; Kim Gott, vice-president; Carl Frey, secretary; and Soro Johnson, treasurer.

"The main emphasis behind FCA is the profession of faith in Christ through fellowship with others interested in sports. We try to teach members to use their experiences to their advantage and try to find ways to deal with them and become a better person," Rosmussen said.

FCA sponsored a hamburger stand at the Popcorn Festival for which members made and served the food. The group sponsored a fund-raising chili supper in the cafeteria which was open to the pub-

lic. Students also delivered food baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"The activities are fun, and you learn a lot from the Bible lessons and by helping other people," senior Jennifer Curtis said.

While FCA helped students spiritually, the Intramurals Program helped those who did not have the time or the ability to join a sport full-time. Intramurals officers included Heather Hoffman, president, and Louro Hanson, vice-president.

"The purpose of Intramurals is to give every student the chance to participate in a sport and athletic competition," sponsor Mark Hoffman said.

"Students could participate in a variety of sports throughout the school year," he added. Intramural sports included co-ed tennis, weightlifting, basketball, volleyball, skiing, water polo, and a triathlon. Students paid small fees according to where and when the events took place.

"It's fun and healthy for students because whenever you have physical activity, you have social activity," Hoffman said.

FCA and the Intramural program helped student athletes cure their pains with guidance and sporting activities. Organizations like these made endless conditioning and long bus rides a little easier to bear.



TESTING HIS PHYSICAL endurance, senior Joe Gerzema maxes on the tricep pulldown machine. Health-conscious students lifted weights in the weight room, the Cleet House, or the GYM, owned by Jim Coons.

SHARING A TABLE and conversation with Mrs. Maureen Martin, seniors Jim Arnold and Kristin Hartwig eat their fill at the FCA chili supper. Club members catered the special event.



Boosting school spirit

By Julie Robinson

When people think of high school show business, they most likely think of a Drama Club performance. However, high school entertainment is not limited to the stage. Vikettes and cheerleaders take their performances to the football fields and basketball courts.

"It's a challenge to bring out the spirit in our school, and that makes it fun," sophomore junior varsity cheerleader Steffany Peters said.

Cheerleaders performed for the fans at football and basketball games. What fans didn't see, however, was just how much work went into each performance.

Cheerleading squads practiced twice a week year-round. In addition, they attended a week-long camp at Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame. "Not only do you learn cheers, but you gain an attitude that keeps you going throughout the year," junior varsity cheerleader Kara Uriss, sophomore, explained.

Cheerleaders promoted school spirit in several ways. For the first time, the girls represented VHS at a regional competition in Manchester. Each squad

placed first in its division and was invited to a national competition in Nashville, Tennessee.

In addition, work on the homecoming dance began the second week in July, sponsors Lisa Engen and Ginger Sedjera explained. Cheerleaders also co-sponsored the Powder Puff football game, in which junior girls defeated the senior girls as male cheerleaders boasted spirit.

Practicing 20 hours a week under the direction of sponsor Jan Sutton enabled the Vikettes to perform choreographed pre-game and half-time shows at football and basketball games. "I really enjoy Vikettes," sophomore Amiee McKuhen said. "It's hard work, but I've met a lot of new people, and it's improved my dancing."

Vikettes had their moment in the spotlight when they performed at the annual Papcan Festival. The girls took part in competition in Merrillville and Indianapolis and participated in the Indiana State School Music Association contest.

When seeking an escape from the daily routine, students didn't have far to go. Weekly football and basketball games provided entertainment unlike any found at home.



CHEERLEADERS — Front Row: Freshman Squad — Natalie Wayne, Jenny Bentley, Makia Kennedy, Susy Johnson, Michelle Paul, Kore Sullivan. Second Row: Junior Varsity Squad — Steffany Peters, Susy Yelkovic, Kara Uriss, Gina Pampalone, Connie Delumpo, Amy Schroeder. Third Row: Varsity Squad — Debi Graham, Karen Brennan, Larkin Riley, Lisa Arnold, Lori Huber, Beth Hill. Ms. Lisa Engen, Mrs. Ginger Sedjera and Ms. Patricia Braughton sponsored cheerleading squads.



VIKETTES — Front Row: Erica Beeg, Shannon Bohaning, Heather Miller, Christianne Dick, Paula Vertz, Amiee McKuhen, Pam Clark, Stacie Czap, Lara Warline, Michelle McCuddy, Carrie Okan, Elynn Talan, Jennifer Wilson, Carole Warden, Stacey Madden. Second Row: Melanie Groark, Laura Haskins, Sharon Alexander, Connie Bauswell, Jenny Damer, Barb Shurt, Suzi Farnum, Michelle Lowman, Kim Worthy, Jill Mansavage. Third Row: Julie Dobrowski, Amy Chruszowski, Carrie Kelly, Kathy Crawford, Kim Coolman, Angie Robinson, Jenny Lewis, Amy Sturgell, Angie Stooksbury, Cindy Yates, Kathy Wright, Nancy Dambrowski, Teri Miller, Tricia Dennis, Cyndi Wells, Jenny Nettles, Robin Kelsey, Jenny Hagstrom, Susan Shurt. Mrs. Jan Sutton sponsored the Vikettes.



VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY and freshman cheerleaders join together to rouse Viking spirit. All three squads cheered at the Homecoming game to encourage the team.

SMILING FOR THE crowd, the Vikette's first-ever featured twirler, senior Erica Beeg, performs during a half-time show. In addition to school performances, Beeg also taught baton classes at Jan Sutton School of Dance.



DRAVING THE ELEMENTS on the football field, cheerleaders work together to motivate the Vikings before a football game.



VIKETTES ENTERTAINED FANS with pre-game and half-time shows at home football and basketball games. Senior Kathy Wright plays Santa Claus as she and senior Teri Miller capture the holiday spirit with a half-time Christmas skit.



LEADING A CHEER at the Homecoming game, sophomore Junior varsity cheerleader Amy Schroeder and freshmen cheerleaders Maira Kennedy, Natalie Wayne, Jenny Bentley, and Susy Johnson boost Viking spirit with the help of varsity cheerleader Larkin Riley.

Name of the *Game*

By Jennifer Barker

Nowhere is the need for team spirit more evident than in the athletic department, where success depends on individuals acting together. Student athletes have made Valparaiso a household name which strikes fear in the hearts of high school coaches across the state.

Lady Viking runners relied on new coaches to speed their recovery from last year's disappointing season. Newcomer Ralph Iatrola, as head coach, attempted to rejuvenate the girls' track team, while Coach Karen DeVries provided new leadership for the girls' cross-country team.

Continuing its long-running success, the varsity football team finished with an impressive 9-3 season record. Players excelled under the strong leadership of seniors Darin Cleaveland, Jason Mack, and Steven Mueller, all of whom were named to the All-State first team.

Student athletes looked forward to the construction of a \$3-3½ million field house, the school administration's attempt to combat overcrowding in physical education classes. Groundbreaking took place in May for the sports complex, whose facilities will range from a 1/9 mile track to tennis and badminton courts.

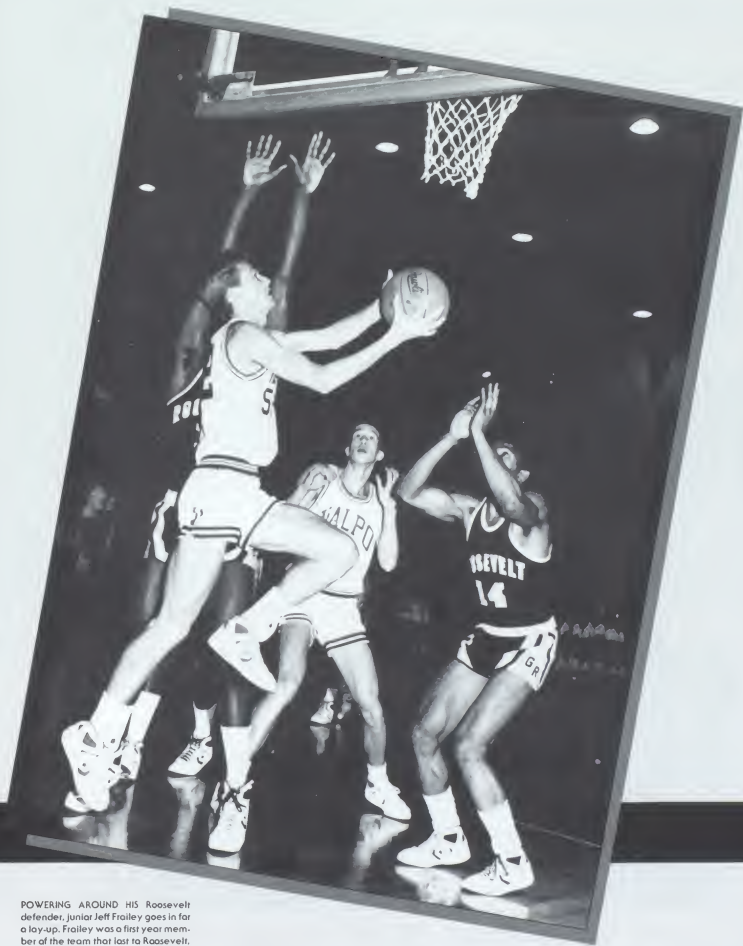
While academics concentrated on individual effort, sports offered the opportunity for athletes to join their teammates in making a name for themselves, as well as for their team.



SETTING THE PACE. Lady Viking runner freshman Becky Diehl heads for the home stretch. Diehl was named to the all-conference cross-country team.



HOPING FOR A swished free-throw, Valparaiso High School students raise their arms in anticipation. This modified wave was first popularized at University of Kansas basketball games.

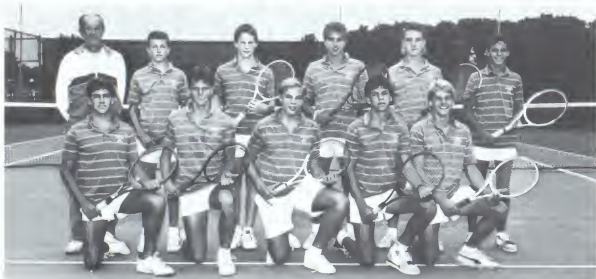


POWERING AROUND HIS Roosevelt defender, junior Jeff Frailey goes in for a lay-up. Frailey was a first year member of the team that lost to Roosevelt, 67-54.

WARMING UP WITH a practice shot, senior Tadd Schall prepares to take on his Hobart opponents. Tadd and his twin brother Drew were the top varsity doubles team.

RETURNING THE BALL with a volley, third-year team member and varsity team player Dave Castleman works to beat his Hobart opponent.

TOP JUNIOR VARSITY doubles team members, sophomore Chris Freitag and junior Phil Sauer, compete against Hobart. The Vikes defeated the Brickie team 5-0.



BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY Tennis Team — Back Row: Coach Frank Salikley, Mark Cavanaugh, Mark McMurtrey, Chad Greinke, Chris Freitag, Chris Nielsen. Front Row: Tim Miller, Matt Stout, Tim Kohart, Jeff Johnson, Phil Sauer.

SCOREBOARD

BOYS' J.V. TENNIS Season Record 10-4-1

Andean	W
Calumet	W
South Bend Adams	L
LaParre	T
Partridge	L
Crown Point	W
Culver	L
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
Lowell	W
Michigan City Rogers	W
Lake Central	W
Chesterton	W
J.V. TOURNEY	
Hobart	W
LaParre	L

T raining season

Teams build potential
while defending record

By Tam Dean

Without Walter Payton, the Chicago Bears may have lost Super Bowl XX. The Chicago Bulls, minus Michael Jordan, might not be the same team they are today. Although the varsity tennis team had no individual player acting as its leader, the team ended its season with a 12-6 record.

Depth was a strong element of the eight-player team, however. "The team had a better chance of winning as it went down its lineup," Coach Tim Shideler said. "If the third doubles team lost, then I expected the first doubles team to lose."

Outstanding players included singles player Mike Dixon, sophomore, with a record of 15-5, and the doubles team of seniors Drew and Todd Schall. Second doubles player Jason Telschow, senior, ended with the highest record, 13-1.

"The team was a good group of kids who were just young," Shideler said. He looked forward to their team's gaining match experience. "We're going to be better next year," he added.

Experience was top priority for junior varsity coach Frank Saikley. Saikley risked losing matches

by playing all ten j.v. players to give them much-needed playing time. Saikley's tactic succeeded, landing the team a record of 10-4-1.

Though all team members played, several remained a cut above the rest. Among them were singles player Jeff Johnson, junior, and doubles players Phil Sauer, junior, and Chris Freitag, sophomore. Mark McMurtrey, freshman, also excelled by winning eight out of nine consecutive matches. The team also held its own singles tournament, which junior Tim Miller won.

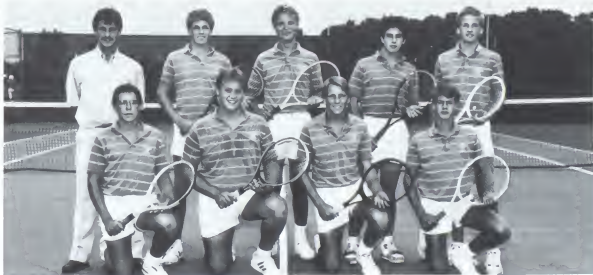
Although Saikley lost j.v. players Mike Dixon, sophomore, and Glen Landstrom, junior to varsity last year, he remains enthusiastic. "We don't really consider that losing a player because we want them to move up from j.v.," Saikley said. He was optimistic about the season, saying, "They were good, hard workers."

Even without stars like Walter Payton or Michael Jordan to lead the way, this year's varsity and junior varsity boys' tennis teams managed to find a place for themselves among the competition.

SCOREBOARD

BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS Season Record 12-6

Andrean	W
Calumet	W
South Bend Adams	L
LaPorte	L
Portage	W
Crown Point	L
Culver	W
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
Lawell	W
Michigan City Rogers	W
Lake Central	L
Michigan City Marquette	W
VALPO TOURNEY	
Lafayette Harrison	W
Rochester	W
Highland	W
SECTIONALS	
LaPorte	L



BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS TEAM — Back Row: Coach Tim Shideler, Todd Schall, Jason Telschow, Mark Fisher, Drew Schall. Front Row:

Dave Castleman, Matt Harris, Glen Landstrom, Mike Dixon. The team finished the season with a 12-6 record.

Goals achieved

Girl golfers strong in DAC, sectionals

By Jennifer Curtis

Every few years, an athletic team is faced with a season of what seems to be endless work and minimal returns. A loss of strong upperclassmen may pose a problem for young teams looking toward the future, and simply gaining experience becomes more important than winning every game. Regrouping after such a year may be a difficult task for some teams, but not for this year's girls' golf team.

Coach Nancy Bender's team, which included four returning letterwinners, finished the regular season with a 7-3 record, marking its recovery from last year's 3-10 record. In addition to experience, strong freshman and a good team concept helped the team achieve its goals, which included winning 75 percent of its meets, finishing third at sectionals, and placing sixth at regionals. The Vikings also ended the season in a three-way tie for second place in the Duneland Conference.

"The whole team was able and willing to work well together," Bender said, stressing one of the team's strengths. Several individuals played well for the Lady Vikings, but no one golfer stood out among the rest. "We had a good team effort," Bender said,

"but no spectacular rounds by any one individual."

Junior Beth Kozlowski said of the team, "We got along a lot better than last year. We were all friends, and became a much stronger team." Though Kozlowski, a third year letterwinner, had a somewhat disappointing personal season, she was Valpo's number one golfer and Most Valuable Player. She also earned All-Conference honors.

Another strong prospect for All-Conference honors was newcomer Elizabeth Rowden. Rowden, a freshman, did not play much early in the season, but improved consistently and became one of Valpo's top scorers.

Others usually scoring for the Vikings included junior Mary Pat Sullivan, sophomore Maureen Sullivan, freshman Kathy Denby, and sophomore Kelly Roberts.

Though Bender had hoped for a higher finish at regionals, she was impressed by the team's progress. "Even with the quality of the competition," she said, "we definitely improved." Bender had expected the team to improve consistently in all areas of the game, and she anticipates strength in next year's team, which will have last only one player to graduation.



SOPHOMORE NICOLE BEESON lines up her shot before putting. Beeson was a first year team member.

READY TO TEE-OFF, freshman Elizabeth Rowden concentrates on the ball. Rowden made the All-Conference golf team.



SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' GOLF

Season Record: 7-3

	W	L
Munster/Andrean	W	L
Lake Central	W	L
Merrillville	W	L
M. C. Rogers	W	L
Hobart	W	L
New Prairie	W	L
Portage	W	L
LaPorte Inv.	3rd	
LaPorte	L	
Chesterton	W	
Sectionals	3rd	
Regionals	6th	



SISTERS MARY PAT and Maureen Sullivan head for the first tee at the Hobart meet. Mary Pat, a Junior, finished with a score of 48 and Maureen shot a 50. The Sullivans often alternated between third and fourth place finishes for the Vikes.

VALPO'S NUMBER ONE golfer and Most Valuable Player, Junior Beth Kozlowski, prepares to putt. Kozlowski was also chosen All-Conference for the third straight year.



GIRLS' GOLF TEAM - Front Row: Beth Kozlowski, Mary Pat Sullivan, Elizabeth Rowden, Amy Smith, Maureen Sullivan, Nicole Beeson. Back Row: Andy Whisel, Kathy Denby, Jenny Wanstrell, Laura Scherschel, Kelly Roberts. Coach Nancy Bender. Not Pictured: Leslie Perrow.

ONCE AGAIN, SENIOR Jim Arnold is the first to reach the chute at the end of the race. Arnold, VHS's first ever semi-state winner, was undefeated during the regular season and finished fifth or the state meet.

Vikes miss goal

Runners compile strong record but slide to 11th place at state

By Jennifer Curtis

Success is usually measured by a team's wins and losses. Many people consider several wins and few losses successful. To a Valparaisa cross-country runner, however, success meant achieving the ultimate goal: winning the state cross country meet.

Because this year's team did not achieve that goal, its members may describe the season as disappointing or unsuccessful. When considering hard work, improvement, and number of wins and losses, however, the 1987 boys' cross country season proved successful.

Under the direction of Head Coach Sam Rasmussen and Assistant Coach Mike Polite, the team faced the challenge of continuing Valpa's winning tradition in cross country. Beginning the season, the boys were ranked number one in the state, having earned two consecutive state titles and a two-year record of 247 wins and zero losses. Tough competition early in the season, however, kept them from winning a third state title. The team faced its first two losses in two years against Chesterton and Portage. Valpa avenged the loss to Chesterton six times, but spent the rest of the season trailing Portage — on the course and in the rankings.

Valpa earned second in the Duneland Conference, sectional, and regional meets, third at semi-state, and 11th at state. The 11th place finish was a disappointment to the team, whose members had worked for and expected another state championship. Rasmussen said, "We let ourselves down after

the amount of work and effort we put in."

Despite their falling short of both conference and state titles, the Vikings were successful and reached several short-term goals. They won the Hobart and Highland Invitational for the eighth straight year, and last only two meets before the state meet. They were also paced by two of the top runners in the state, seniors Jim Arnold and Carl Frey.

Returning after placing seventh at last year's state meet, Arnold placed first in the Duneland Conference, sectional, and regional meets. He placed fifth at state, was Valpa's Most Valuable Runner, and received All-Conference and All-State honors.

Frey was an All-Conference and All-State runner, placing second and sixteenth in the respective meets. Named Valpa's Best Team Runner, Frey led the team by example. "Carl always put the team first. He deserved more recognition than he got," Rasmussen said.

Other top runners included seniors Matt Utterback and Matt Harrington, juniors Nat Keammerer and Aaron Pachalke, and sophomore Neill Harrington.

Reflecting on the season, Rasmussen said, "We have to keep the season in perspective. We had a good season, but it didn't end the way we hoped. Maybe our dreams were too high. But you have to dream. We went for it. I'd be upset if people thought we didn't have a successful season . . . we did."



VIKING TEAM MEMBERS fight for good position at the start of the Crown Point/Highland/Lake Central meet. Valpa went on to beat all three teams.





DURING THE DUNELAND Conference meet, senior Carl Frey works to maintain his position over runners from Portage and M. C. Rogers. Frey went on to finish the race in second place, earning All-Conference honors.

JUNIOR NAT KEAMMERER concentrates on keeping a steady pace during the meet versus Crown Point, Highland, and Lake Central. Keammerer made All-Conference after placing fifth in the Duneland Conference meet.



RUNNING SIDE BY side, sophomore Neill Harrington and his brother, senior Matt Harrington, provide strong competition for one another during the Duneland Conference meet.



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY team - Front Row: Coach Sam Rasmussen, Jim Arnold, John Meeker, Carl Frey, Aaron Pocholke, Ken Alexander, Eric Helton, Neill Harrington, Matt Trisch, Nat Keammerer, Cliff Mallings. Second Row: Rusty Johnston, Matt Harrington, Troy Ferguson, Matt Utterback, Rob Mahoney, Rick Newton. Back Row: Chad Cerda, Marc Strotman, Kris Serles.

SCOREBOARD

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Season Record: 101-17

Chesteron/Lafayette Jeff	L/W
Elston/Kouts	W/W
Marquette/H. Morton	W/W
Rogers/E. C. Central	W/W
Crown Pt./Highland	W/W
Lake Central	W/W/W
New Prairie Inv.	3rd
LaPorte/Merrillville	W/W
Highland Inv.	1st
Hobart/Portage	W/L
Hobart Inv.	1st
DAC meet	2nd
Sectionals	2nd
Regionals	2nd
Semi-State	3rd
State	11th

Running strong

Despite coaching changes,
girls' season a success

By Tami Blomberg

All eyes are on the new boss, wary and suspicious, trying to determine just how far she can be pushed. Girls' cross country track members reacted to newly hired coach, Karen DeVries, in much the same way.

Sometimes a change of authority can pull a team or organization apart, bringing them down in performance level. In the case of the girls' cross country track team, however, the change in coaches only brought the runners together in their quest for a prosperous season.

Coach DeVries admitted that in the beginning there was some apprehension on both sides, but it quickly subsided with hard work from each party. "I tried to vary the practices from day to day to avoid making them too monotonous or boring," DeVries said.

DeVries credited the girls with much of the team's success. "The girls made it easier by having a good attitude and not complaining. It was a good season, with some ups and downs," she continued, "but I can't complain at all about my team. They all liked to run, and drew very close. They deserved to win."

Various runners made particularly strong impressions, but DeVries cited all team members as being excellent runners, contributing to the team's

success. Number one runner Meghan Martin, senior, was named Most Valuable Player as well as conference champion. Freshman Becky Diehl was also named to the all-conference team. The award for Most Team Spirited went to senior Kristin Hartwig, while senior Jennifer Howard received Most Improved.

Most people see cross country as an individual sport, but DeVries emphasized team effort. "I tried to teach them to think not only of themselves; that no matter how bad you're hurting, there is always someone else out there hurting just as much as you are." In an attempt to boost team spirit, the girls shared a spaghetti dinner and hosted parties at one home or another.

The season was not all fun and games, however. Running with its number one runner injured and not at her best, the team just missed getting out of Regionals.

"They really deserved to go on," DeVries said. "They felt the pressure badly and I had to try my best to get them back up."

DeVries was comfortable with her first season as girls' cross country coach and felt the girls' attitudes were the best she's worked with. "I think the togetherness and hard work they learned on the team will carry into other areas of their lives," DeVries concluded.



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM — Front Row: Lisa Hart, Kathy Sweitzer, Stacy Parch, Jenny Pitt, Sara Ehlers. Back Row: Jennifer Howard, Calleen Jones, Kristin Hartwig, Meghan Martin, Becky Diehl, Coach Karen DeVries.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY
Season Record: 45-26

Hammond Hall	W
Kankakee Valley/	
E.C. Central	W/W
M.C. Rogers	W
New Prairie Inv.	8th
LaPorte/Merrillville	W/W
Highland Inv.	3rd
Habart/Portage	W/L
Highland/Lake Central	L/W
DAC Meet	3rd
Crown Point	L
Sectionals	3rd
Regionals	8th



FIRST YEAR COACH Karen DeVries gives her team some last minute words of encouragement prior to the Hobart/Portage meet. The team outran Hobart, but lost to Portage.

ALTHOUGH INJURED NEAR the end of the season, senior Meghan Martin received the Most Valuable Player award. Martin was a four-year runner for the Lady Vikes.



STRETCHING OUT BEFORE the Hobart/Portage meet are seniors Kristin Horwig and Jennifer Howard. Horwig received the Most Team Spirit Award while Howard was voted Most Improved.



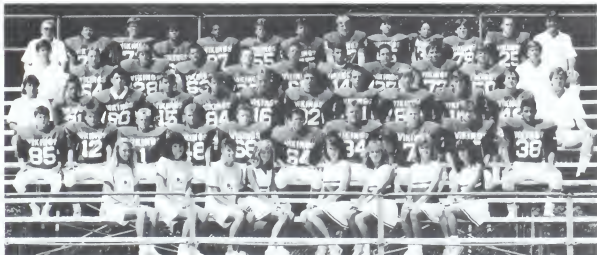
SCANNING THE FIELD for an opening, j.v. and varsity quarterback Brian Mantel, junior, prepares to loft the ball in hopes of scoring.

DESPITE HEAVY RAIN, the j.v. football team huddles together to discuss team strategy. Coaches Dale Gatt and Gary Gray led the team to a 24-6 victory over Chesterton.



SCOREBOARD

Freshman 'A' team	
Season Record 6-2	
East Chicago Central	W
Hobart	L
Michigan City Rogers	W
Chesterton	W
Merrillville Pierce	L
LaPorte	W
Portage	W
Merrillville Harrison	W
Freshman 'B' team	
Season Record 3-3	
Andrean	L
Andrean	L
Lake Central	L
Crown Point	W
North Judson	W
Portage	W



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM — Front Row: Cheerleaders Koren Chester, Mario Burneson, Nicole Johnson, Michealene Paul, Natali-
e Wayne, Mara Kennedy, Jenny Bently, Kate Sullivan, Second
Row: Mike Costa, Charlie Lomani, Scott Miller, Greg Kobe, Jeff
Schroeder, Chris McGlothlin, Jim Deu, Phil Barone, Cory Ward,
Ryan Bennington, Third Row: Kathy McKibben, trainer; Dan
Jones, Matt Stonzak, Joe Rhondo, Jeff Edylock, Matt Miller, Brent
Olson, Mike Herr, Brian Kissinger, Eric Utterback, Sam Watson,
Coach Randy Kerns, Fourth Row: Todd Coffin, trainer; Rich Illif, Rick

Dibkey, Scott Miller, Jesse Klemz, Joe Harris, Greg Moy, Rob
McGough, Sean Paff, Andy Funk, John Cook, Back Row: Dr. Staltz,
Len Mayerski, Dennis DePalma, Darrin Clause, John Whelon,
Ryan Maloyder, Bart Keebler, Brian Riley, Tom Steere, Phil Ander-
son, Dan Covington, Brian Povich, Coach Doug Marthland.

Teams find unity

Frosh, j.v. squads excel through togetherness

By Tom Dean

TEAM /team/ n. a group of people sharing a common activity. Freshman football players fulfilled that definition, according to Webster's Fifth Unabridged Dictionary, in that team members worked together to make theirs a winning season.

"We played as a team," Freshman A-team Coach Randy Kerns said. "Everyone had their job, and everyone did their job. Teamwork was very important."

Leading the A-team as Most Outstanding and Most Contributing Player was running back Jim Deu. Running backs Cory Ward and Rick Dibkey, quarterback Eric Utterback, and linemen Matt Murphy, Ryan Bennington, and Phil Barone also chipped in to assist the team effort.

Running back power provided much of the team's strength, while through cooperation and team unity, the freshman players, according to Coach Doug Morthland, "gelled together."

B-team also had several players who excelled. At the top of the list was Dan Dunivan as Most Outstanding Player. Freshman coaches Morthland and

Kerns cited Jesse Klemz, Shawn Malayder, and Chris McGlothlin as being inspirational leaders for the team which, "never lost confidence in itself, and never quit trying," according to Morthland.

Falling one game shy of Head J.V. Coach Dale Gott's pre-season goal, which was to be undefeated, the j.v. team ended its season with a 6-1 record. Players striving toward Gott's goal included offensive leaders Dominic Lacopo and Matt Sinclair, both sophomores, and defensive men Brian Oller, Junior, and Chuck Williams, sophomore.

"Our record was a team effort, but these individuals stood out in their respective areas," Gott said. "The team was a good group of hitters," he continued, praising its effective defense. Players limited opponents to one touchdown at most during the last four games. "We had a strong offense, too. They had the potential to score from any part of the field," he added.

By sticking together, members of the junior varsity and freshman football teams turned their individual potentials into an achievement they could call their own.

DODGING HIS CHESTERTON opponents, sophomore Matt Sinclair carries the ball. Sinclair was an offensive leader for the team, which ended with a season record of 6-1.



SCOREBOARD

Junior Varsity Football	
Season Record 6-1	
Lake Central	W
Hobart	L
Michigan City Rogers	W
Chesterton	W
Wentzville	W
LaPorte	W
Portage	W

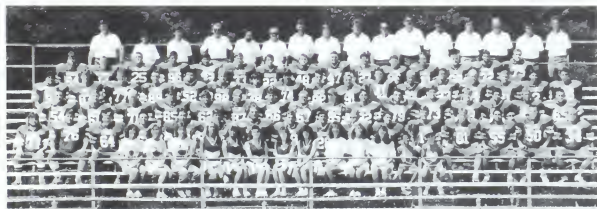


JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM — Front Row: Cheerleaders Amy Schroeder, Kara Urtis, Stephanie Peters, Gina Pampalone, Susy Yelkovic. Second Row: Eric Shirey, Jeff Bruder, Aaron Lackey, Scott Petcu, Matt Sinclair, Dan Reynolds, Tad Gilmore, Chuck Williams, Dominic Lacopo, Matt Hardwick. Third Row: Craig Cornell, Todd Bauer, Steve Baker, Brian Johnson, Brian Peshel, Dave Vendl, Mike Scime, John Gertsmeier, Craig Thomas, Kyle Rizzo.

Fourth Row: Jason Miller, Bill Lukrafka, Mark Deslauriers, James King, Chris Oluvic, Eric Thompson, Wally Szymanski, Brian Schneckenburger, Chad Beseley, Jeff Zdzilowski, Back Row: Kathy McKibben, Todd Coffin, trainers, Dr. Stoltz, Emmit Fitzgerald, Tim Dean, Coach Dale Gott, Coach Gary Gray.

SENIOR RUNNING BACK Rick Vaughan breaks through the Michigan City defense to add to his season total at 115 yards rushing as the Vikings hand the Rogers' Raiders a 14-12 sectional loss. (V-M Photo)

AS THE VIKES defeat Michigan City Rogers, 24-19, senior quarterback Bryan Benke prepares to release a pass. Leading the Viking offense for the first half of the season, Benke threw for a total of 424 yards and two touchdowns.



VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM — Front Row: J. Carter, C. Eichberg, J. Fuller, B. Hill, L. Huber, D. Graham, K. Brennan, L. Arnold, C. Prasner, S. Anderson, K. Scott, A. Foley, M. Murphy. Second Row: W. Gustafson, M. Balde, D. Calby, T. Heinze, M. Schwab, C. Fortune, J. Doxe, R. Vaughan, M. Kush, K. Jones, S. Mueller, B. Benke, S. Bihman, D. Raymond, J. Mock, M. Primich. Third Row: D. Talson, E. Hurnl, M. Briggs, A. Hazlett, C. Wainman, D. Pedersen, T. Thorley, R. Ayres, C. Bradley, S. West, J. Woods, J. Gilliam, S. Snider, T. Rickman, P. Wainman, L. Petcu. Fourth Row: A. Fattore, B. Da-

vis, M. Clays, D. Williams, P. Serafin, M. Conners, K. Ott, R. DePalma, T. Gast, D. Stout, D. McGuckin, R. Rozinski, C. Douglas, S. Hanchar, D. Walls, C. Nighthale, P. Synowick, Fifth Row: S. Drake, M. Sinclair, S. Petcu, L. Sheets, E. Deal, J. Stanczak, D. Evans, E. Jakel, M. Ziegert, K. Birky, C. Boss, B. Mantel, C. Williams, D. Cleveland, T. Ragsdale. Back Row: M. Hoffman, K. McKibben, T. Coffin, R. Strults, W. Lichtenburger, D. Watson, D. Gort, J. Cook, T. Cox, T. McNeil, D. Marthland, B. Barthold, G. Gray, S. Bernardi, R. Mitchell. The team finished with an 8-4 record.

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY FOOTBALL Season Record: 8-4

Muster	L
Hobart	L
M. C. Rogers	W
Chesterton	W
Merrillville	W
LaPorte	W
Parag	L
Gary Roosevelt	W
SECTIONALS	
M. C. Rogers	W
Mishawaka	W
Chesterton	W
REGIONALS	
Highland	L

Unity keys wins

Team-oriented Vikes return to Final Eight

By Matt Jankowski

Regardless of the level of competition, football is not a sport designed to emphasize the achievement of the individual. Rather, the key to success in football is in the blending of individual accomplishments into a singular, unified team effort.

Eleventh-year Varsity Head Coach Mark Hoffman did just that, combining the abilities of several individuals, including three first-team All-State winners, into a team that captured the sectional crown and made its third consecutive trip to the Final Eight.

"It was a good blend of talent, and that was the key to our success," Hoffman said. "We started out of 0-2. That's when they pulled together as a unit. They really played well together."

State-ranked Munster and eventual Class 4A champion Hobart left the Vikings empty-handed in the season's opening games, dealing them two tough losses. The team bounced back in the following game, however, taking a victory away from Michigan City Rogers to begin a winning streak that led them to an 8-4 season record.

"I don't think that (losing to Munster and Hobart) affected us in any negative way. They (the losses) were real character builders. We kept saying we only wanted improvement, and that's what we got," Hoffman said.

Keyed by total team effort and week-by-week improvements, the Vikes went on to past victories in eight of their last 10 games. After proving themselves against Rogers, the Vikings went on to overcome Chesterton, Merrillville, LaPorte and Gary Roosevelt. Three of those wins were scored in sectional play as

the team edged out Michigan City, stuffed Mishawaka in a defensive battle, and went on to rout rival Chesterton 24-0 in the third round.

Following the string of sectional victories, the Vikes moved on to regional play to face the impressive Highland Trojans, who had rolled over third-ranked Crown Point the previous week. A devastating running attack helped the Trojans exploit the defense for 42 points, as they virtually stifled the offense and left Viking field with a 42-15 win and their first-ever regional title.

"There are just some days when you don't perform," Hoffman said. "I was proud of the way the kids fought. Highland just played a flawless game. They dominated early, and we couldn't make up the point spread. They're a fine football team."

Setting the tone for the Vikes' successful season were the defensive and special team units. Led by senior co-captains and first-team All-State winners Jason Mock and Steven Mueller, and junior linebackers Eric Jokel and Mark Ziegert, the tough Viking defense gave up an average of just 11.25 points per regular season game. First-team All-State punter Darren Cleveland, a senior, and Mueller led the special teams, with Mueller returning three punts for touchdowns.

Described by Hoffman as the "greatest athlete in Valpo in a long time," Mueller picked up the MVP and Mental Attitude awards. Senior Scott Bihlman received the Most Valuable Defensive Player honors, and Mock was voted Most Valuable Offensive Player. In addition, Ziegert received the High Tackles award. Along with Jokel, Ziegert also was given first-team All-State honorable mention.



LEADING HIS TEAM into the Final Eight for the third consecutive year, Head Coach Mark Hoffman shouts encouragement to the Vikes as they defeat Merrillville, 13-7.



SENIOR FLANKER AND defensive back Steven Mueller outdistances the Michigan City Rogers defense to return a punt for 65 yards and a touchdown. In a season of superlatives, Mueller was named to the first team all-state as a wide receiver in addition to receiving the MVP, Most Valuable Receiver, and Mental Attitude awards.



DURING THE HOMECOMING victory, the Viking offensive line, led by All-State honorable mention center Jason Mock, prepares to clash with the Merrillville defense. Mock was voted Most Valuable Offensive and Defensive Lineman, and nominated to the first team All-State as noseguard.

MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD winner Michele Riffel, sophomore, displays the breaststroke form that earned her all conference and all-state honors for two consecutive years.

FINISHING EIGHTH AT the state meet, senior Kristen Mooney leaps into the air before attempting a dive against Hobart.



SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' SWIMMING Season Record 12-1

Lake Central	W
Michigan City Rogers	W
Munster Classic	W
Hobart	W
South Bend Clay	W
Volpo Relays	W
Merrillville	W
Crown Point	W
Ben Davis Diving Inv.	W
Chesteron	W
LaPorte Diving Inv.	W
Paragie	W
Munster	W
Highland Inv.	W
LaPorte	W
DAC Meer	2nd
Michigan City Elston	W
Highland	W
Rensselaer	W
SECTIONAL	2nd
STATE	7th

LOOKING ON INTENTLY. Head Coach Curt McIntyre directs his team to a win over Hobart in a home meet. In his first year at VHS, McIntyre compiled a 12-1 record.



GIRLS' SWIM TEAM — Front Row: Rachael Johnston, Paula Riley, Kim Miller, Stacy Sartier, Beth Amberg, Michelle Riffel, Kathleen Schenck, Julie Swartz, Tara Kiernan. Second Row: Cheryl Astorages, Stacy Moran, Sandy Czekaj, Chrissie Wingenroth, Brenda Swartz, Carmen Fulge. Third Row: Tricio Zelin, Ixtaces Ocio, Kim Turner, Dono Jessen, Carrie Kerns, Laurie Bell, Ann Boguslawski,

Shannon Timmons, Jill Moriman, Sarah Fischer, Tanya Senne. Back Row: Manager Jenny Hagstrom, Assistant Coach Toy Ann Runk, Diving Coach Bill Chappo, Head Coach Curt McIntyre, Christine Corns, Laura Hanson, Kelly Smith, Sara Johnson, Tina Gengo, Kathleen Brady, Kristen Mooney.

Repeat success

By Matt Jankowski

Looking back through history, a person can see that while the names of people or events may differ, many of life's situations and results are essentially alike. Thus, the often-quoted phrase, "the more things change, the more they remain the same."

Similarly, though facing change in the head coaching position for the third time in three years, the girls' swim team retained the success of past years to maintain their tradition of excellence.

"Of course there were problems with me being the new coach, but that's to be expected," first-year Head Coach Curt McIntyre said. "The girls worked very hard to overcome that. It made for an exciting season — the most exciting, and most successful I've ever coached."

Led by sophomores Michelle Riffel and Kathleen Schenk and senior divers Kathleen Brady, Sarah Johnson, and Kristen Moaney, the Lady Vikes overwhelmed their opposition to post a nearly perfect season mark at 12-1. The team also earned second place conference honors and placed in the Top 10 at the state competition for the second consecutive year.

Keyed by hard work, determination, and an abundance of raw talent, the team combined outstanding individual efforts to place a strong seventh in the state finals in Indianapolis. Previously undefeated through the regu-

Girls adapt to change, place seventh at state

lar season and sectionals, the 200-meter relay team, consisting of all-conference swimmers junior Beth Ambelang, Riffel, Schenk, and freshman Tricia Zelin, placed sixth for the Lady Vikes. In addition, Schenk gained fourteenth place honors in the 200-meter individual medley, while Zelin placed tenth in the 100-meter freestyle event. Also qualifying to compete were junior Sandy Czekaj in the 500-meter freestyle and Riffel in the 100-meter freestyle events.

"They earned that trip (to state)," McIntyre said. "They were awfully talented. I felt we had as much pure talent as any team there."

In addition to the swimmers, the girls' diving team, under the direction of Head Diving Coach Bill Chappo, made important contributions not only during the regular season, but also at state. For the second year in a row, all-conference divers Brady, Johnson, and Moaney placed 1-2-3 at sectionals. This qualified all three for state, where they placed fifth, eleventh, and eighth respectively.

"That's just phenomenal. We were the only team there where all three qualified. It's an honor having three girls represent the team in the state final," Chappo said.

In addition to the state honors, individual team awards were given to Brady as team MVP, Riffel for the Mental Attitude award, and Ambelang as the Most Improved team member.

SENIOR DIVER KATHLEEN Brady concentrates as she prepares to perform a back dive. In addition to being voted team MVP, Brady made a fifth place showing at the state meet.



FOLLOWING A HOME meet against Michigan City Rogers, the team celebrates one of the wins that led them to a seventh place overall finishing at the state meet in Indianapolis.

SECOND-YEAR LETTERWINNER Stephanie Snider, senior, stretches to block a Hammond Marion player's spike during a home win. Assisting is first-year player junior Kathleen Ducot.

THOUGH WEAK SETTING hurt the varsity team all year, Mental Attitude Award winner Heather Hoffman, junior, shows good form here as she executes a set.



POWERING OVER A spike, sophomore Colleen Sullivan helps the J.V. team add another win to their season total of 25. Looking on are sophomores Carole Cannon and Kandel Coolman.



HEAD COACH MARK Knouff discusses strategy with the varsity volleyball coach. Knouff has compiled a 71-33 career record.

One step shy

Successful Vikes stop before reaching goal

By Matt Jonkowski

Early in the course of a season, an athletic team establishes for itself what it feels to be its potential. Team members form an idea of what they are capable of achieving as a team unit. Though the season may end in success, total satisfaction will not be attained unless the team fulfills its capabilities.

Similarly, the varsity volleyball squad, under Head Coach Mark Knouff, felt they fell shy of reaching their potential, despite coasting to the second best season record ever, and a berth in the sectional championship game for the third time in three years.

After dominating their opponents during the regular season to post a 22-7 record, the Lady Vikes advanced to the sectionals, where they defeated rival Chesterton and a strong Lake Station squad in the first two rounds. However, the team met their defeat in the championship round, edged out by Merrillville in a third game heartbreaker, 16-14.

"I don't think we reached our potential. That's tough to say when you win 24 games. But I thought and I think the girls thought we could have won sectionals and would have done well at regionals," coach Knouff said. "It came down to meeting another team as good as we were. I can't complain. At sectionals we played as well as we did all year."

Despite the loss, Knouff cited the entire sectional tournament as the peak of his team's performance. "The sectional tournament was the season's

highlight. They really came together as a team, they really believed they could win. You could see it in the way they played. It was really fun to watch," Knouff said.

In addition to the Vikes' ability to play well as a team unit the squad's key strengths were their skillful techniques and their spiking talent. "A big key was overall quickness, jumping ability, and agility. Early in the season, we won a couple of games on sheer athleticism," Knouff said. "Another strength would definitely be hitting. I've never had this many girls who could spike the ball this well. It was a definite strength — almost amazing."

Leading the way for the Lady Vikes were senior co-captains Miss Crownover, who received the Most Valuable Player award, Traci Levertit, voted the Top Defensive Player, Heather Mallert, and Top Offensive Player Traci Zalod. Also providing leadership for the team was Mental Attitude Award-winner Heather Hoffman, junior.

In a season similar to that of the varsity squad, the junior varsity volleyball team boasted a 20-2 regular season mark. Though the team lost its final game to LaPorte, 16-14, in the j.v. tournament, the team did set the record for most wins in a season.

Unlike Knouff however, Coach Elke Bowman felt her team not only met but exceeded the level of success they hoped to reach. "They went above and beyond their potential," Bowman said.

SCOREBOARD

J.V. VOLLEYBALL	
Season Record: 20-2	
North Newton	W
North Judson - San Pierre	W
South Bend St. Joe	W
Calumet	W
Highland	L
Westville	W
Munster/Govit	W/W
Crown Point	W
Kankakee Valley	W
Chesterton	W
Hebron	W
Hammond Marian	W
Hobart	W
Lake Central	W
Hammond Bishop Nell	W
LaPorte	L
Merrillville	W
Portage	W
E. C. Central	W
M. C. Marquette	W
J. V. Tournay	2nd
Portage	W
LaPorte	L/L

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL	
Season Record: 24-8	
North Newton	W
North Judson San Pierre	W
South Bend St. Joe	W
Calumet	W
Highland	W
Westville	W
Munster/Govit	W/W
Crown Point	L
Kankakee Valley	W
Chesterton	W
Griffith Inv.	L/W/W/W
Hebron	W
Hammond Marian	W
Hobart	W
Lake Central	L
Hammond Bishop Nell	L
LaPorte	W
Merrillville Inv.	W/L/W
Merrillville	L
Portage	W
E. C. Central	W
M. C. Marquette	W
M. C. Rogers	L
SECTIONALS	
Chesterton	W
Lake Station	W
Merrillville	L



GIRLS' J.V. VOLLEYBALL TEAM — Front Row: Corale Cannon, Colleen Sullivan, Tina Popachonis, Lita Picout, Leslie Fritz. Second Row: Heather Moore, Ginger Rice, Monica Bowman, Laura Stoner, Jennifer Withrow, Becky Stonier. Back Row: Coach Elke Bowman, Tara Mahoney, mgr.; Kandel Coolman, Colleen Johnston.



GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM — Front Row: Stephanie Sneider, Heather Hoffman, Janine Rose. Second Row: Jennifer Cole, Traci Zalod, Missi Crownover, Jennifer Henderson, Kathleen Ducat. Back Row: Kim Lewis, manager; Sandy Nemcek, Traci Levertit, Heather Mallert, Coach Mark Knouff.

RELEASE AND FOLLOW-THROUGH are crucial elements of Chris Jumper's shot, which aided the Vikings in their 45-21 victory over Kankakee Valley. Jumper led the "A" team in free throw percentage with 85 percent accuracy.

SCOREBOARD

FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Season Record "A": 11-5

Season Record "B": 6-5

	"A"	"B"
Kankakee Valley	W	L
Merrillville	L	W
Kankakee Valley	W	W
Portage	W	W
LaPorte	L	L
Chesterton	L	-
Hobart	W	L
LaPorte	W	L
Crown Point	L	L
Munster	W	-
Andean	-	W
Highland	W	W
Lake Central	L	W
"A" Tourney	1st	-



FRESHMAN GIRLS' "A" BASKETBALL — Front Row: Angie Kueck, Kathy Kuehl, Heather Fitzgerald, Kim Rucker. Sec-

ond Row: Nikki Johnson, Amy Turner, Dana Jessen. Back Row: Chris Jumper, Jennie Murphy, Monica Bowman, Coach Rick Mitchell. Not Pictured: Becky Diehl, Tara Mahoney.



FRESHMAN GIRLS' "B" BASKETBALL TEAM — Front Row: Melanie Powell, Stacy Patch, Cheryl Oelling, Amy Wienke. Second Row: Condy Beach, Tricia McGuckin, Julie Sorenson. Back Row: Heather Hensel, Sheri Hoskins, Julie Wilson, Coach Nancy Brown. The team finished the season with a 6-5 record.

Mind over body

Freshman teams stress mental attitude, preparation

By Jennifer Curtis

Talent is one of the foremost requirements for an athletic team member. Positive attitudes and a willingness to work, however, are two characteristics that must not be overlooked. These attributes improve any team's chances of a successful and enjoyable season. The freshman girls' volleyball and basketball teams possessed these qualities and consequently experienced two winning seasons.

Second year coach Nancy Ficken guided the "A" volleyball team to a 17-4 record and the "B" team to an 8-5 record. Both teams relied on good teamwork and strong serving ability but were hindered by inconsistency, which, according to Ficken, plagues many freshman teams.

Ficken said winning the eight-team Volporeiso Tourney proved to be the season highlight. She also cited the girls' successfully running on offense and defense as another satisfying accomplishment.

"This year was very exciting. There was never a dull moment with these freshmen," Ficken said. "They were always ready to go."

Individual award winners included Angie Kueck for Mental Attitude and Chris Jumper for Most Outstanding. Both girls proved influential in leading the team to success.

Freshman girls' basketball coaches Rick Mitch-

ell and Nancy Brown also enjoyed their successful seasons, due in part to players' excellent attitudes and teamwork. Mitchell coached the "A" team to an 11-5 mark and a tourney championship. Strong shooting, hard-working rebounders, and a good press defense aided the team in its victories. The girls' attitudes also impressed Mitchell, who awarded Kathy Kuehl the Mental Attitude trophy.

"The season was excellent and a lot of fun to coach," Mitchell said. "The girls really hustled and did what they were told."

Successfully attaining yet another goal, the "B" team finished the season above .500 by recording a 6-5 mark. According to Brown, the team was intelligent and learned new offenses quickly, but it had trouble playing against zone defenses.

First year coach Brown enjoyed working with the team. "They were so enthusiastic and pleasant and they had great attitudes," Stacy Porch received the Mental Attitude Award.

Extraordinary talent might make the road to a great season an easy one, but without it, individuals must work hard to overcome difficulties. Willingness to work and a good mental attitude can help make conquering problems easier and may just put a team on the road to victory.

"A" TEAM PLAYER Suzanne Zaladz attempts to block her opponent's spike while teammates Angie Kueck and Jennifer Park prepare to react.



FRESHMAN GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM — Front Row: Kim Rucker, manager, Kim Towarek, Cheryl Oelling, Linda Lindholm, Amy Wienke, Sarah Gleason, Tracy Jungjahan, Heidi Edwards, Back Row: Karen Cankle, manager, April Casban, Chris Jumper, Jackie Eddy, Julie Sorenson, Suzanne Zaladz, Angie Kueck, Jennifer Park, Coach Nancy Ficken.

SCOREBOARD

FRESHMAN GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Season Record "A": 17-4

Season Record "B": 8-7

	"A"	"B"
Plymouth	L	.
Hobart	W	W
Chesterton	W	L
Kankakee Valley	W	L
Portage	W	W
Chesterton	W	W
Lake Central	W	W
M'ville Pierce	W	L
Chesterton	L	L
Hobart	L	W
Bishop Nall	L	W
M'ville Harrison	W	W
LaPorte	W	L
Tourney	W	.
M'ville Pierce	W	.
Highland	W	L
Portage	W	W
Andean	W	W

ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYER Lisa Henderson, Junior, tightens the Lady Vikes' full court press as she tries to prevent the Kankakee Valley inbound pass. Henderson finished the season with second-best scoring and rebounding honors.

WITH HER KANKAKEE Valley opponents clasing in, junior defensive specialist Sandy Nemcek pivots as she looks to pass to teammate Jennifer Cole.



SKYING OVER HER Lafayette Jefferson opponent, sophomore Janine Rose lays in a basket to aid the junior varsity team in a win at home. In addition to playing for the junior varsity team, which finished its season with a successful 14-4 mark, Rose also earned playing time with the varsity squad.



GIRLS' J.V. BASKETBALL TEAM - Front Row: Becky Diehl, Carole Cornman, Kelly Roberts, Stacy Anselm. Second Row: Jennie Murphy, Janine Rose, Kathleen Ducot, Ginger Rice, Susan Brown. Back Row: Coach Mark Knauff, Heather Fitzgerald, Chris Jumper, Tara Mahoney, Angie Kueck, manager Heather Moore.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' J.V. BASKETBALL Season Record: 14-4

South Central	W
South Newton	W
Lake Central	L
Lafayette Jefferson	W
M.C. Rogers	W
LaPorte	W
Crown Point	L
Lake Station Edison	W
Kankakee Valley	W
Anderson	W
Highland	W
Chesterton	L
Portage	W
Merrillville	W
J.V. Taurney	W
Hobart	W
Hammond Govit	W

C onference title

Vikes, Merrillville
share DAC crown

By Mott Jonkowski

In the world of sports, there is an adage which reads, "There is no substitute for experience," meaning that while an athletic team may have raw talent, it cannot reach its potential without first becoming well-practiced.

Gaining the valuable experience it needed, the girls' varsity basketball team developed their talent of last year into a force that carried it into a tie with Merrillville for the Duneland Conference title.

"I think that what led to our success was that we had a lot of people back — the experience," third year Head Coach Dove Kenning said. "With the experience come self-confidence. The girls didn't feel afraid, which happens the first time around. We believed we could be successful."

In addition to experience and self-confidence, Kenning credited good outside shooting, overall quickness, and free-throw shooting as keys to the season. "They were a very excellent shooting team, especially from the perimeter. We had some of the best free-throw shooters ever. We also were very quick, very mobile, which enabled us to play a full court game," Kenning said.

Behind these strengths, the Lady Vikes claimed victories over rivals Chesterton and Merrillville on

their way to posting a 15-5 season mark. However, the successful season came to an end early in sectional play as they were defeated by a tough Portage squad, which went on to regional play after taking the tournament crown.

"We were beaten by a very good team. That was the season highlight, to play in such a close, exciting game. I was proud of the way we played," Kenning said.

According to Kenning, the team's only weakness was in its inability to gel as a team unit. "For the most part, we excelled a lot," Kenning said. "But we didn't gel as well as we should have. We needed team play to win the close games and be more successful as a team."

Individuals finishing the season with team records included sophomore Chris Fallis, who topped senior Jennifer Curtis' efforts from the free throw line by converting 82 percent of her shots. Edging out fellow junior Lisa Henderson, Jennifer Cole led the scoring and rebounding categories, with 151 rebounds this season. In addition, Michelle Kirk finished the year with a team-leading 65 assists.

Also enjoying success was the girls' J.V. basketball team. Behind second year Coach Mark Knouff, the J.V. Lady Vikes placed second in the J.V. tournament while posting a 14-4 season mark.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Season Record: 15-5

South Central	W
South Newton	L
Lake Central	W
Lafayette Jefferson	W
M.C. Rogers	W
LaPorte	L
Crown Point	W
Lake Station Edison	L
Warsaw Towner	3rd
Kankakee Valley	W
Andean	W
Highland	W
Chesterton	W
Portage	L
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
Hammond Govt	W
SECTIONALS	W
Morgan	L
Portage	L



AS THE LADY Vikes coast to a home victory over Lafayette Jefferson, season-leading scorer Jennifer Cole, junior, sets up to take an outside jumpshot.



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM — Front Row: Beth Flynn, Susan Brown, Janine Rose, Kathleen Ducoi, manager Heather Moore, Second Row: Jennifer Curtis, Jennifer Cole, Lisa Henderson, Monica Bowman, Coach Dove Kenning, Back Row: Kim Gott, Michelle Kirk, Sandy Nemecek, Heather Mallet, Kristin Falls, and manager Jennifer Hill.

T

eams prepare

Frosh, sophs show varsity potential, post winning seasons

By Jennifer Curtis

Varsity team status is not something to be achieved overnight. Rather, it is the culmination of years of dedication, self-motivation, and hard work. Emphasis on improvement plays an important role in helping young athletes to prepare for the varsity level. The sophomore and both freshman boys' basketball teams, which prepared players for a higher level of competition, set improvement as their primary goal. Using its already good individual skills, each team accomplished its goal and earned success along the way.

The sophomore team, striving to win the sophomore tourney, compiled a 9-4 record. According to Head Coach Lew Rhinehart, the season went well, though he believed the team had the potential to win the four games it lost.

Highlights of the season included beating a tough Andron team, achieving a seven game winning streak, and winning the sophomore tourney as team members had hoped.

Leading sophomore scorers Dan Kozlowski and Tim Corroll stood out among their teammates, while Jon Gertsmeier achieved recognition as leading rebounder. The team relied on its shooting ability and other skills to offset its lack of height and quickness.

Freshman boys formed on "A" team and a "B" team, coached by John Knouff and Dale Gott, respectively. The "A" team earned a 15-5 mark, and the "B" team also fared well, recording a near-perfect mark of 16-1.

According to Knouff, the "A" team set goals to improve continually, have fun, and learn to be better people. Backed by their depth, size, and quickness, the team recorded a 6-1 mark versus Duneland Conference teams and won nine consecutive games. Brent Olson and Eric Utterback stood out as leading scorers while rebounding honors went to Matt Stenczak and Olson.

Freshman "B" team members enjoyed a successful 16-1 season under the leadership of leading scorer Brian Frailey and top rebounder Joe Mullin.

Knouff summed up the freshman season by saying, "There are some good athletes on these teams. This class has real potential."

Despite the attention given to varsity teams, sophomore and freshman team members made an impressive effort to prepare themselves for such a competitive level. Concentrating on improvement, they proved themselves capable, with a strong potential for future varsity success.

SCOREBOARD

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL Season Record: 9-4:

Merrillville	W
Boone Grove	W
M.C. Rogers	L
Merrillville	L
M.C. Rogers	L
Washington Twp.	W
Andron	W
South Central	W
Sophomore Tourney	1st
Morgan Twp.	W
Wheeler	W
E.C. Central	L



SOPHOMORE BOYS' BASKETBALL — Front Row: Jon Gertsmeier, Dan Kozlowski, Rob Hones, Chris Collins. Back

Row: Coach Lew Rhinehart, Matt McGuinn, Matt Murphy, Tim Corroll, Jim Alles, Joel Martin. The sophomore team compiled a season record of 9-4.



STEPPING AROUND HIS Boone Grove defender, sophomore Jon Gertsmeier begins his drive to the basket. Valpo sophomores defeated the Wolves 52-41.



IN A 54-51 overtime loss to E.C. Central, freshman Eric Uterback attempts to score for the Vikes while teammate Jeremy Derucki gets in position for a possible rebound.

VICTORY SMELLS SWEET to sophomore Rob Hanes as he launches a jumpshot against Boone Grove.



FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL — First Row: Eric Hill, Shawn Molyer, managers: Rob McGough, Todd Carlson; Phil Gebhardt; Mark Triscik; Rob Cars; Don Clark, manager: Mike Sullivan, manager. Second Row: Amy Mayer, Amanda Hopkins, managers: Brian Pavich, Mike Mitchell, Kevin Krieger, Brian Frailey, Ted Milo-

nawski, Joe Mullins, Brian Kissinger, Jason Pikula, Third Row: Coach Dale Gott, Carey Hanes, Chad Sarrick, Brian Wilson, Eric Uterback, Brent Olson, Jeremy Derucki, Mike Herren, Matt Stanczak, Sam Watson, Charlie LaMont, Coach John Knauff.

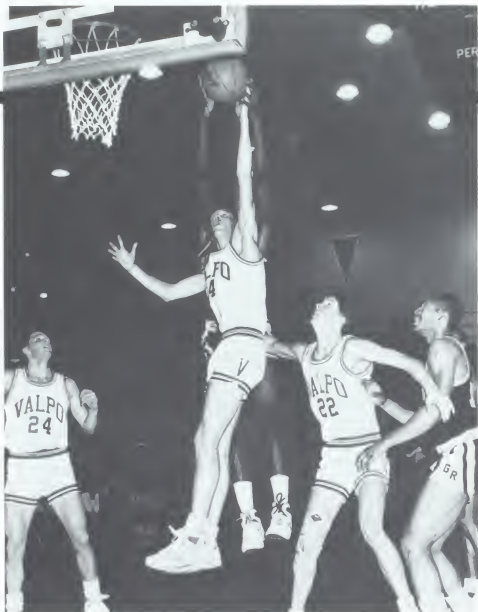
SCOREBOARD

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL
Season Record "A": 15-5
Season Record "B": 16-1

	"A"	"B"
M'ville, Pierce	W	-
Rensselaer	W	-
"B" Taurney	-	1st
Gary Roosevelt	L	W
Hammond	-	W
Plymouth	W	W
E.C. Central	L	W
LaPorte	W	W
"A" Taurney	2nd	-
Munster	W	W
M'ville, Harrison	W	W
North Judson	W	-
Hobart	W	W
Kankakee Valley	W	W
Parage	W	W
Highland	W	W
Chesterton	W	W
Crown Point	W	W
M.C. Rogers	L	L
Morgan	-	W
Portage Taurney	3rd	-

SENIOR SCOTT SPRUITENBURG fights for a rebound against Gary Roosevelt while teammates Jeff Anselm and Joe Wendt box out their opponents. Spruitenburg lead the Viking team in shooting, posting the best free-throw percentage at 87 percent and the most points scored with 326 for the season.

ONE ON ONE. Junior Matt Hanner tries to prevent his Gary Roosevelt opponent from scoring. Hanner was a first-year member of the junior varsity team that finished the season with a 17-3 record.



BOY'S J.V. BASKETBALL TEAM — Front Row: David Redman, Rob Cavanaugh, Dan Kazlawski, Matt Stout, Jan Gertsmeier, Jeff Gott.

Back Row: Jason Krieger, Ken Jankowski, Matt Hanner, Jeff Earl, Shawn Brennan, Scott Casban.

SCOREBOARD

J.V. BOYS' BASKETBALL
Season Record: 17-3

Doone Grove
Gary Roosevelt
E.C. Central
Chesteron
Highland
Merrillville
Plymouth
J.V. Taurney
Chesteron
Kankakee Valley
LaPorte
M.C. Rogers
Lafayette Jeff
Portage
Hobart
S.B. Riley
Hammond Gavitt
Logansport
North Judson

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PREPARING TO SINK o lay-up, senior Brad Covonough takes to the air with his Gary Roosevelt defender not far behind. Roosevelt went on to win the game 67-34.



Team goals met

Varsity, JV teams strive toward

By Tomi Blomberg

Exhausted and relieved, the committee members emerge from their meeting. They have been writing their proposal for hours and are now satisfied that the job is well done and that each member has done his part. Like the committee members, Coach Skip Collins urged the boys' varsity basketball team to strive towards mental and physical perfection.

Collins hoped to end the season with a team and coaches that felt good about one another. "It's quite a long grind," Collins said. "Conditioning starts in September and the season lasts until March. We want our men to finish and say 'I'm sad that's over.'" The physical aspect of Collins philosophy concerns performance. He expected his team to play to its potential. "When this goal is met the wins and losses take care of themselves," Collins said.

All teams have ways of promoting team spirit. Collins' team lived by group work. "Spirit evolves naturally," Collins said. "It comes from a unified effort. Spirit comes through overcoming difficulty."

Team unity was also conveyed through key roles on the team. Collins feels that all his were key

players. "It's kind of like putting on a play," he said. "If the light man doesn't do his job, the play won't." Teamwork led to the teams 14-9 season record as players come together under the lead of Most Valuable Player Jeff Anselm, senior.

Although the Vikes beat River Forest and Morgan in the Sectionals, they fell to Portage.

Coach Robert Punter also stressed unity for his junior varsity team. "I try to emphasize that we're not five players. We're one team," he said. "We want to play well, get everyone into the game, and win as many conference games as possible."

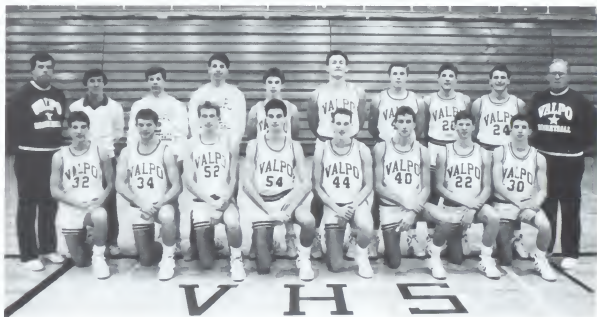
The junior varsity team finished its season with a 17-3 record, beating Gary Roosevelt for the first time in 10 years. Players ended the season posting a 12-game winning streak. Junior Jeff Froiley was named the Best All Around Player, while sophomore Dave Redman excelled in scoring and rebounding. Sophomore Rob Covonough led the team in assists and defense.

Both Collins and Punter expressed satisfaction in their seasons and felt that their hopes for the season had been met.

SCOREBOARD

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL Season Record: 14-9

Boone Grove	W
Gary Roosevelt	L
E.C. Central	L
Chesterion	L
Merrillville	W
Plymouth	W
M.C. Elston	W
LaPorte	L
Chesterion	W
Kankakee Valley	W
LaPorte	L
S.B. Riley	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Lafayette Jeff	L
Portage	L
Hobart	W
Hammond Govit	W
Logansport	L
Highland	W
North Judson	W
SECTIONALS	W
River Forest	W
Morgan	W
Portage	L



BOY'S VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM — Front Row: Joe Furlin, Bryan Benke, Jeff Froiley, Jason Derucki, Scott Spruittenburg, Brad Covonough, Joe Wendi, Keith Komonoff, Back Row: Assistant Coach Bob Barthold, Trainer Todd Coffin, managers Jim Wilson

and David Mapes, Brian Sullivan, Van Evonoff, Jeff Stronczak, Bob Risk, Jeff Anselm. Head Coach Skip Collins. The team ended their season with a 14-9 record.



MANAGERS, TRAINERS HELP KEEP BALL ROLLING

By Pete Speckhard

It has been said that behind every great man there stands a woman. However, in these enlightened times, repeating this adage could get you clattered by an irate feminist. So, for the general welfare of everyone concerned, a better phrase might be, "Behind every great athlete, there is a trainer."

"There has been a lot of interest generated recently in the athletic training field, because people are starting to look upon it as a profession rather than a hobby or a pastime," Athletic Trainer Todd Coffin said. "Teams didn't have much trouble finding assistants and trainers this year because people are looking at these positions as an opportunity now, rather than a chore," he added.

Students applied to fill positions such as manager, and statistician for a variety of reasons.

"Keeping stats for the football team was not something I did just to get to know football players," senior statistician Christo Eichberger said. "It was a chance to get involved with the game."

"On top of that," she continued, "I was guaranteed a good seat, and there was very

little risk of injury, except for one near miss with a bottle-racket," Eichberger said.

For the first time in VHS history, four students were appointed student athletic trainers. "Many of the students I worked with were more interested in being trainers for reasons of learning," Athletic Director Kathy McKibben said. "Sports medicine is a fast growing field that more and more high school kids are getting into, and this is a way for them to get a step ahead," added the VHS graduate.

"In the past, the team assistants were all known as water-bays, and they were typically characterized as little guys who wanted to be on the football team," senior Brent Ruggaber says' track and football manager said. "That whole stereotype is disappearing now, because students are seeing how vital a role these people play. I think most of the trainers and stat-keepers were there for reasons of their own," Ruggaber said.

For a variety of reasons, including a possible career option, many students saw the advantages of being involved with sports as an assistant or trainer, and many stereotypes were fast losing validity.

AT HOME VARSITY baseball games, senior Neallie Janes, manager, announces the next batter for the Vikings.

BEFORE A MEET begins, girls' track managers Amy Baker, Jenny Pitt and Jenny Payne find a spare moment to begin a homework assignment.



WAITING TO BE taped by a trainer before their game and meet are senior Fred McLane, a varsity baseball team member, and junior Pete Cunningham, a pole vaulter for the boys' track team.

IN ADDITION TO timing, measuring and announcing at meets, girls' track manager Jenny Payne, a sophomore, records scores at the Crown Point meet.



Return to state

Work, determination key Vikes consistent success

By Matt Jonkowski

For any athletic team, the goal of being successful is not easily reached; obtaining it requires a great deal of skill, effort, time, and hard work. As the few teams who achieve success discover, the same level of dedication is needed to consistently repeat its success season after season.

"I think that one of the big keys to our success was that the team made the sacrifices necessary for progress, such as time requirements and giving up other activities detrimental to their swimming — the dedication," said Head Coach Skip Bird, who led his boys' swim team to their 12th consecutive winning season. Bird, who is in his 21st year as Viking swim coach, said "They were a team that seemed to enjoy not only our victories, but what it took to get there, the hard work."

Behind senior co-captains Joe Gerzemo, Doug Klemz, and Brian Volk, the Vikes waded through a disappointing early season that included losses at the Culver and Munster relays to finish strongly with a 10-9 mark, their eighth sectional title in nine years, and a return trip to state competition.

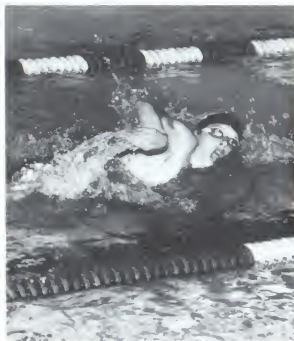
According to Bird, the season's slow start was primarily caused by the Vikes' inability to work together as a team. However, Bird cited the Vikes' 99-

73 late-season victory over Portage as a turning point for the team. "It was in the Portage meet that we began to gel as a team. We were working very hard. Portage had a legitimate shot — it was a tough win. It was from there that we went on to win the conference championship, sectionals, and to place at state," Bird said.

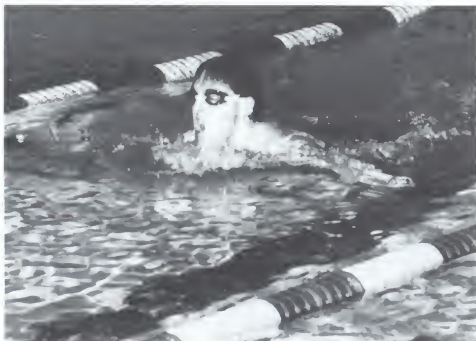
Following their sectional victory, the Vikes competed as part of a record-setting field at the state competition in Indianapolis. The team edged out area rivals Chesterton and Portage to post a thirteenth-place finish with 41 points. Topping the Vikes' performance was the relay team of juniors Don Benjemon and Matt Kolor and seniors Doug Klemz and Jeff Hood, who combined for a fifth-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay. In addition, Hood, senior Joe Gerzemo, junior Tim Hofstetzer, and Klemz placed seventh in the 200 medley relay while Gerzemo, Hood, and Benjemon each placed in the top 10 in single events.

In reviewing the season, Bird used the words consistent progress to describe the year. "Slow but consistent progress," Bird said. "We didn't make great big jumps, but kept faith in ourselves and our training methods. They were willing to go that extra mile and made fine improvements."

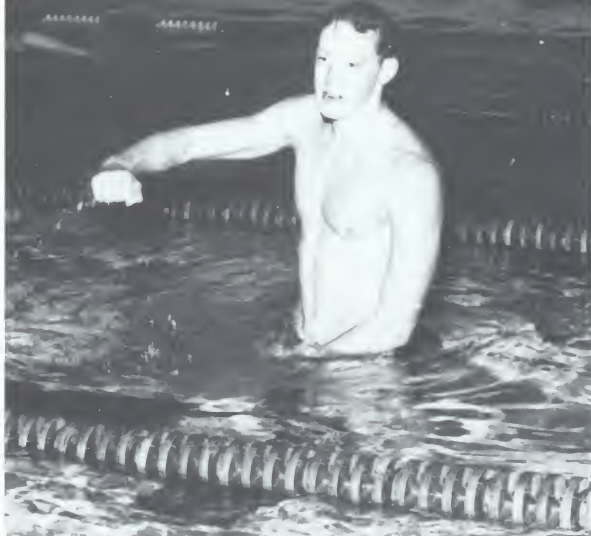
THIRD-YEAR TEAM member Scott Volpotic, senior, springs off the board as he prepares to execute a dive.



HUNDRED METER FREESTYLE swimmer Scott Hofstetzer, junior, helps boost the Vikes to a 104-68 win over Chesterton.



AT MUNSTER, SENIOR tri-captain Joe Gerzemo swims the 100 meter breaststroke. Gerzemo placed fifth in that event and seventh in the 200 meter individual medley in the state consolation finals.



JUNIOR DAN DETJEMAN celebrates as the Vikes down Chesterton at home to add another win to their season total of seven.

IN HIS 21st season as coach, Skip Bird watches as his swimmers coast to a victory over Munster. Bird has compiled a 277-99 career record at VHS.



BOYS' SWIM TEAM — Front Row: John Lethan, Eric Baim, Lee Perlatot, Jeff Griffiths, Eric Helton, Danny Jones. Second Row: Dan Rutsman, Todd Agnew, Dan Detjeiman, John Husko, Jeff Head, Sean Osner, Chad Cerda, Jeff Hanyak. Head Coach Charles "Skip" Bird. Third Row: Assistant Coach Curt McIntyre, Chris Hildebrand, Joe Gerzema, Steve Marquez, Matt Kolar, Matt Krynski, Brett Nover, Diving Coach Bill Choppo. Back Row: Brian Volk, Tim Harfiezzer, Steve Johnson, Bret Fischer, T.J. Edwards, Ben Rankin, Aaron Pocholke, Dan Dunivan. The Vikes ended the season with a 10-9 record and were Sectional champs.

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SCOREBOARD

BOYS' SWIMMING Season Record: 10-9

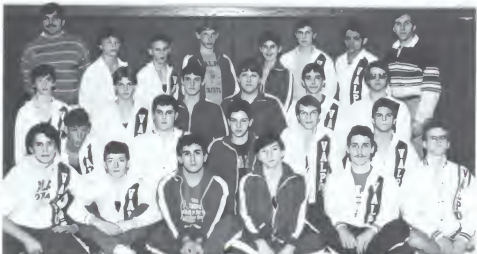
Culver Relays	4th
Munster	L
Hobart	W
Munster Relays	3rd
LaPorte	L
Chesteron	L
LaPorte Relays	2nd
Highland	W
Kokomo	L
Colombus North	L
Warsaw	L
Lake Central	L
M.C. Rogers	W
Merrillville	W
Perigo	W
DAC Conference Meet	1st
Crown Point	W
Hammond Hall	W
SECTIONAL	1st
STATE	10th

TWO-TIME STATE FINALIST D. J. Seromur, senior, concentrates on his strategy before beginning his regional match against Gary Win's Dwane Williams. Seromur defeated Williams to capture the regional championship in the 103 pound weight class.

DURING THE VIKING Invitational Tournament, junior Dorrell VanCleef works to maintain control of his East Chicago Central opponent. VanCleef won the match, padding his final season record of 27-5-2.



FRESHMAN WRESTLING — Front Row: Chris McGoughlin, Joe Rando, Jason Herma, J. J. Price, Ryan Justok. Second Row: Mike Shoppa, Tom Steere, Greg May, Bryan Bennington, Scott Miller, Matt Murphy. Back Row: Coach Mike Tipton, Jody Decker, Tom Riley, Marc Strotman, Tom Spinelli, Erin Ward, Coach Ralph Iatrola.



J.V. WRESTLING — Front Row: Craig Thomas, Marc Crownover, Bryan Bennington, Rodney Williams, Dave Williams, Mike Shoppa. Second Row: Chris Kerns, Matt Murphy, Chris Bluhm, Marc Vendl, Chris Wainmon. Third Row: Scott Moesch, Jeff Klein, Steve Baker, Jeremy Barage, Dan Morrison, Mike Steiff. Back Row: Coach Ralph Iatrola, Scott Herma, Tom Riley, Jason Herma, Ryan

Justok, Tony Wosemann, Greg Ortmann, Coach Mike Tipton. Under the direction of Mike Tipton, the j.v. team finished the season with a 14-4 record.

Success upheld

Talented wrestlers record 11th straight winning season

By Jennifer Curtis

Year after year, coaches and athletes await their sports seasons with great anticipation. They often have unanswered questions, however, regarding team and individual talent and winning potential. A losing season every few years is not uncommon, as teams fight inexperience and lack of superior talent. The boys' varsity wrestling team has proved to be an exception, having avoided a below average season for several years.

Under the direction of Head Coach John Cook, the boys' varsity wrestling team completed its 11th straight winning season, posting an 18-2 mark and upping Cook's career coaching record to 129-41-1.

Led by their strong senior members, the Vikes set their usual goals of having a winning season, finishing in the top three of the Duneland Conference, winning the sectional, and advancing more than one person to the state meet. Despite losing the sectional by one match, the matmen achieved all other goals, setting several records along the way. The team won its first Duneland Conference championship, earned its highest state rankings ever, and set a new school record for most wins in a season.

Keys to the team's success were senior leadership and excellent individual talent. "We had good wrestlers, including eight seniors, in all 10 weight divisions," Cook said. Leading the team was senior D. J. Seramur, voted most valuable, who reached the quarter-finals of the state meet. Seramur compiled a season record of 37-5 and set a school record at total wins with 102 wins over four years. Other state qualifiers were junior Brian Blakley at 119 pounds and junior Jim Williams at 140 pounds. Other wrestlers posting good records included juniors Darrell VanCleave and Brian Katka and seniors Marc Hamacher and Marty Primich. Senior Bob Richards was voted to the All-State Academic team after compiling a 22-11-2 mark.

The freshman and junior varsity teams, under coaches Ralph Iatrola and Mike Tipton, also fared well, compiling season records of 13-3-1 and 14-4 respectively.

Developing its talent and winning potential to the fullest, the boys' varsity wrestling team proved its excellence, recording yet another winning season.

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY WRESTLING Season Record: 18-2

Gory Wirt	W
North Newton	W
Lowell	W
E.C. Central	W
Andreon	W
Goshen	W
Honover Central	W
Hammond	W
Crown Point	L
Gory Westside	W
Munster	W
Highland	W
Penn	W
Chesterton	W
Merrillville Inv.	1st
Gory Roosevelt	W
Portage	W
Connorsville Inv.	3rd
LaPorte	W
Hobart	W
DAC Meet	1st
M.C. Rogers	W
Merrillville	L
Sectionals	2nd



VARSITY WRESTLING — Front Row: Andy Johann, Marc Hamacher, Darrell VanCleave, Duke Smaroff, Allen Federman, Brian Katka, Second Row: Marty Primich, Mike Scime, Jim Williams,

Joe Thomas, Jim King, Back Row: Bob Richards, Chris Cole, Scott Armstrong, Dan Correll, D. J. Seramur, Brian Blakley.

DURING HER PERFORMANCE against Highland at home, second year team member Michelle Howard, sophomore, leaps into the air as part of her balance beam routine.



Frustrating year

Inexperience, injuries hamper Vikes' season

By Mott Jonkowski

While pursuing a goal in life, a person cannot always expect things to go his or her way; rather, the path is often frustrating, filled with many obstacles which must be overcome before that goal can be attained.

In that same way, Head Coach Lorie Cook's gymnastics team found its path to success blocked by such obstacles as key injuries and inexperience.

"It was a very frustrating season," Cook said. "Our two best seniors were sick and injured, and their scoring potential was greatly missed. There was inexperience on the rest of the team. We were a good team. We had the potential to be better, but there were the injuries and other problems — things just happened along the way."

Though they missed much of the season with a sprained ankle and on illness, respectively, seniors Missy Mosso and Jennifer Stout returned late in the season to help senior Liso McLeon lead the team to a 6-3 season mark. The Lady Vikes lost to conference foes Chesterton, Portage and Merrillville. In addition, despite managing only fourth place in the Duneland

Conference tournament, the Lady Vikes ended the season well, posting a second place finish in the sectionals.

"The sectional finish was the season highlight. We beat Portage, whom we lost to earlier in the season. It was good to place second behind Chesterton and end the season on an up note," Cook said.

Following its sectional showing, the team advanced two gymnasts, Stout and Mosso, to state competition. Making her fourth consecutive trip to state, Stout posted a 12th place finish in the balance beam event, while Mosso earned 15th place in the vault. Overall, the team received a 12th place state team rank.

Reviewing the season, Cook wished to stress that although she felt that the season was frustrating, a great deal was accomplished in its duration.

"There was definitely good within the frustration," Cook said. "I was pleased with the new skills they learned. They learned to control the fear factor, and about the mental games. Even though they were thrown into experience, they did a good job."

SCOREBOARD

GYMNASTICS
Season Record: 6-3

M.C. Rogers	W
M.C. Elston	W
LaPorte	W
Fort Wayne Classic	8th
Hobart	W
Lawell	W
Chesterton	L
Highland	W
Portage	L
Merrillville	L
DAC Championship	4th
SECTIONAL	2nd



GYMNASTICS TEAM — Front Row: Jennifer Stout, Missy Mosso, Liso McLeon, Back Row: Gretchen Fiest, Alethia Apostol, Michelle

Howard, Julie Kabe, Julie Gill, Suzanne Zaladz. Not pictured: Head Coach Lorie Cook.

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SOPHOMORE JULIE KOBE concentrates as she performs on the balance beam in a meet against Merrillville at home. Kobe was a second year team member.

WHILE PRACTICING HER uneven bars routine, Mental Attitude Award winner Gretchen Fiester, Junior, executes a handstand.



LOOSENING UP DURING practice, senior Missy Massa performs a handstand. Massa took fifteenth place in the state vault competition.



AS THE LADY Vikes meet Merrillville, three-time All-Conference winner Jennifer Stout, senior, helps the team score a victory with her bars routine.

SURROUNDED BY HIS OPPONENTS, senior Scott Forsythe moves the ball upfield as the Vikings hand Highland a home defeat. Forsythe was a first-year team member.

AS THE VIKINGS ROLL over Munster in a home game, second year team members Jason Taylor, junior, passes the ball downfield.



J.V. SOCCER — Front Row: Austin Johnson, Sondeep Pathak, David Kinsey, Don Swenson, Jim Frazier, Jeff Bromliert, Ilion Collozo. Back Row: Ryan Sandberg, Corey Hones, Matt Stenczak, Brian Reichert, Matt Miller, Bart Kuebler, Coach Marty Graso.

SCOREBOARD

J.V. SOCCER
Season Record: 5-5-1

Chesterton	W
Wheeler	L
Wheeler	L
South Bend Adams	L
Griffith	W
Andrean	L
Merrillville	T
Hammond	W
Highland	W
Chesterton	W



Team tops goals

Vikes beat Munster,
surpass expectations

By Alex Capeland

Soccer, better known as football in other parts of the world, is the single most attended sport on Earth. Although soccer does not share the same amount of popularity in the U.S. as football does, this sport at VHS gradually attracts more and more spectators.

They (the varsity soccer team members) played especially well together this year," Varsity Coach Hans Scheller said.

For the first time in VHS soccer history, the team defeated Munster, a longtime rival. "Beating Munster five to nothing — that was something," Scheller said. "Munster played against Portage in the final last year."

According to Scheller, third year letterman Matt Harrington set records this season for most goals, most assists, and most total points.

Scheller also cited exceptional midfield, players Chris Kanagy, Harrington, and Ed Vahary as contrib-

uting to the team's success. "If you don't have a good midfield, it throws everything off," Scheller explained.

Team players also expressed pride in their success. "Although we lost to Portage, we still beat Munster, and I think we had a good season," sophomore Neil Harrington said.

Coach Scheller summed up the Varsity season by saying, "It's been a lot better than I'd expected."

As for the junior varsity season, sophomore Jason Raach commented, "We had a pretty good season, but we had some bad luck with goal shooting."

Raach credited the team's ability to work together under coach Marty Grasa as a contributing factor in its performance.

Dedication and hard work factored in the success of the varsity and j.v. soccer teams. Both teams' recognition and growing number of supportive fans indicate the sport's increasing popularity.

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY SOCCER

Season Record: 10-2-1

Hammond Martin	W
Chesterton	T
Hammond	W
Munster	W
Lew Wallace	W
Highland	W
Lake Central	W
Griffith	L
Andean	W
Merrillville	W
Portage	L
Hammond	W
Chesterton	W
East Chicago Central	W



VARSITY SOCCER TEAM — Front Row: Chris Kanagy, Chris Frietag, Neill Harrington, Rob Hanes, Jeff Johnston, Eddie Vahary, Matt McGulinn. Second Row: Matt Harrington, Marc Hamacher, Andy

Jahann, Scott Farsythe, Troy Ferguson, Frederic Jung. Back Row: Marty Prinich, John Luehrs, Willy Harbison, Jason Taylor. Head Coach Hans Scheller.

WITH A LOOK of concentration, freshman Jackie Eddy sets up a forehand return. Eddy played number two singles on the varsity team.

EYEING THE BALL, sophomore Jennifer Stevens reaches to make a shot. Stevens and partner Kim Wright, senior, played second doubles.



SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS

Season Record: 12-3

M. C. Elston	W
Crown Point	W
Andreon	W
Lake Central	L
Columet	W
M. C. Rogers	W
Portage	W
Highland	W
LaPorte	W
Culver	L
Hobart	W
Merrillville	W
Culver Tourney	1st
Chesterton	W
Munster	L
REGIONALS	W



GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS TEAM — Front Row: Koren Reynolds, Jennifer Murko, Lisa Precourt, Jackie Eddy, Elizabeth Rowden, Heather Mollen, Coach Tim Shideler. Back Row: Jennifer Stevens, Sharon Dorris, Trish Lundstrom, Kim Wright.

Unified success

Depth sparks winning season in girls' tennis

By Jennifer Curtis

In the business world, a company cannot be expected to run successfully without being organized. Some workers are leaders and some are followers. Each fits into his own role which contributes to the success of the business as a whole. Similarly, each member of the varsity and j.v. girls' tennis teams assumed a position and developed her potential to the fullest in order to promote the success of the entire team.

Coch Tim Shideler's varsity girls' tennis team, due to the leadership of four hardworking seniors and dedicated followers, unified itself for a successful season. "This team worked together really well," Shideler said. "There were more friends made on the team than in past years."

In addition to team cohesiveness, experience and depth proved important. Shideler said the seniors Shorin Doris, Heather Mallett, Trish Londstrom, and Kim Wright were key players as well as motivators. Doris succeeded or number one singles for the third straight year while Mallett split her matches between third singles and first doubles with Londstrom. Wright added strength or second doubles.

For the first time in five years, the Lady Vikings

won the Dunes and Conference championship after tough wins over LaPorte and Portage. The team's 3-2 win over Portage, its first in three years, highlighted the season, as did its sectional win.

The j.v. team, coached by Frank Saikley, compiled an impressive 13-1 record. Despite the team's inexperience, it breezed through the first half of the season, beating every team with a score of 5-0. Only when going against Culver, its toughest competition, did Volpa lose on individual match. "This was a good hardworking bunch of girls. The team's depth and dedication helped us overcome our lack of experience," Saikley said.

Sophomore Lisa Precourt led the team or first singles while Elizabeth Rowden, freshman, and Jennifer Murko, sophomore, usually followed or second and third singles respectively. Because of the large number of j.v. players, however, the girls switched positions often and took turns playing matches that did not count on the final score.

Like all successful businesses, the girls' tennis teams demonstrated individual effort as well as a willingness to work as a unit. These qualities propelled the girls to beat the competition and come out on top, building a reputation as the best in their field.

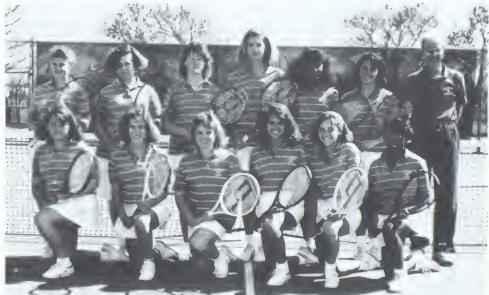
SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' J.V. TENNIS Season Record: 13-1

M. C. Elston	W
Crown Point	W
Andreon	W
Lake Central	W
Calumet	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Portage	W
Highland	W
LaPorte	W
Culver	W
Hobart	W
Merrillville	W
Chesterton	W
Munster	L



THIRD SINGLES PLAYER Heather Mallett, senior, lunges for a shot during the meet against Crown Point. Mallett also paired up with senior Trish Londstrom to form a successful first doubles team in conference matches.



GIRLS' J.V. TENNIS TEAM — Front Row: Jennifer Park, Stacy Sotlier, Stephanie Etzler, Stacey Janosiak, Jessica Dunn, Gaya Abbey, Back Row: Missy Moore, Karin Kankle, Jackie DuVal, Jennifer

Worstell, Niho Nagubadi, Jennifer Weller, Coach Frank Saikley.

AS THE VIKES hand Merrillville a defeat, Junior Jody Pishkur aids the team effort by sinking this putt.

SOPHOMORE BRUCE GUILLAUM concentrates on his putting form during practice. Guillaum was a second-year team member.



FOLLOWING THROUGH ON his swing, Junior Jason Krieger tees off in an early season home match against M. C. Rogers. The Vikes beat Rogers to remain unbeaten at 8-0.



TEAM LEADER BOB Risk, senior adjusts his form while preparing to putt.

Boys' golf soars

New coach sparks experienced team

By Scott Maesch

While most people merely read fairy tales, Boys' Golf Coach Wayne Lichtenberger brought one to life. Since graduating from college, Lichtenberger harbored dreams of coaching an athletic team. Finally, the dream came true.

Throughout the team's season, the boys' playing awareness compensated for Lichtenberger's relative inexperience. Three returning lettermen came back this year to lead the team and with the addition of sophomore Steve Ball, the boys came together for consistent outings.

"Our greatest strength had to be our depth. We had four consistent guys — (Bob) Risk, (Chip) Martin, (Todd) Price, and Ball," Lichtenberger said. "In addition, we had somebody who came out every night and played great."

The team was constantly in action, attending either meets or practices nearly every evening. Golfers spent much time on the driving range and/or practiced putting.

Round-robin competition among the top four

boys and competition for the fifth varsity spot preceded every match.

Following the year's first invitational at Michigan City, the team was ranked fourth in the state. Team members, however didn't let this fact go to their heads.

"They knew they had to keep it in perspective. We were really relaxed and took a little bit at a time," Lichtenberger said.

The boys were self-motivated and worked without pressure from Lichtenberger. He conceded that they didn't require much coaching, and he worked a great deal with the Junior Varsity players.

"I think their positive and willing attitude was a big plus for the team," Lichtenberger said. "It really helped us to win some big matches over ranked teams."

Some people want to be sports stars, others have a dream to be a major political leader, or millionaire, but all Lichtenberger wanted was a Golf team - and he got a fine one.

DURING PRACTICE, JUNIOR Frank Spanopoulos chips a shot onto the green.



BOYS' GOLF TEAM — Front Row: Jody Pishkut, Bruce Guillaume, Steve Ball, Frank Spanopoulos, Chris Davis, Back Row: Tam Small, Jim Yocum, Jason Kriteger, Jim Ailes, Scott Galey, Joy Rosenberry.

Coach Wayne Lichtenberger, Not pictured: Chip Martin, Todd Price, Bob Risk, Rich Ruble. This year marked Lichtenberger's debut as a coach.

SCOREBOARD

BOYS' GOLF

Season Record: 18-1
Tournament Record: 3-1

M.C. Marquette Invit.	1st
Portage/Chesterton	W/W
Chesterton/M.C. Rogers	W/W
M.C. Marquette	W
Merrillville/M.C. Rogers	W/W
Hobart/Portage	W/W
Boone Grove	W
LaPorte/Chesterton	W/W
Rensselaer Invit.	1st
Munster	W
LaPorte/Hobart	W/W
Highland	W
LaPorte Invit.	2nd
Boone Grove/Andrean	W/W
Lake Central Invit.	1st
M.C. Elston/Chesterton	L

SECTIONAL	1st
REGIONAL	3rd
STATE	15th

WITH DETERMINATION, JUNIOR Jennifer Cole takes a powerful swing at the ball and records another hit. A three year letterwinner, Cole also played a valuable defensive position as catcher.

TIMING AND PRECISION count for everything as freshman Angie Kueck prepares to let loose with a throw to first base. Kueck emerged as a strong leader on the j.v. team.



SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' VARSITY SOFTBALL Season Record 14-11

Plymouth	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Chesterion	L
Penn	W/L
Merrillville	L
Hobart	L
Portage	W
Lowell	W/L
LaPorte	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Chesterion	L
Merrillville	L
Viking Inv.	W/W/L
Hobart	L
Portage	W
Hommond Morton	W
LaPorte	L
S.B. Riley	W
Crown Point	W
SECTIONALS	W/L



GIRLS' VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM — Front Row: Nikki Pequett, Jean Corrie, Traci Leveritt, Jenny Higbie, Deb Wolsh, Second Row: Tino Hensel, Janet Fuller, Leslie Filtr, Down Sholopsik, Jenn Cole, Bock

Row: Head Coach Todd Bennethum, Corrie Duck, Val Wosemann, Kristin Hock, mgr., Heather Hensel, mgr., Michelle Kirk, Assistant Coach Kathy McKibben.

Intangible goals

Teams strive for daily improvement

By Julie Robinson

Goal-setting has its advantages and disadvantages. Failure to achieve a goal can be discouraging. After dealing with unaccomplished goals in past years, Head Coach Todd Bennethum decided to take a different approach with the 1988 girls' softball team.

"We tried not to set tangible goals. We just wanted to be the best team we could be on any given day. We played one game at a time and improved game by game," Bennethum said.

One problem the team faced was strong competition. "This year's conference was the best it has ever been," he said. "Even when you play your best, sometimes you're not number one."

Although the team was not strong offensively, it compensated with a powerful defense. "Defensively, this is the best team I have had in five years. We can play against anyone in the state. There is no reason for us to be intimidated by anyone," Bennethum said.

Junior Dawn Shalapsik provided another advantage for the team in her consistent pitching. Several other key players powered the team's victories.

Senior shortstop Traci Leveritt proved to be a take-charge player on the field and, according to Bennethum, was the best pure athlete on the team.

Offensively, senior Jean Carter provided the hitting needed to pull the team through several close games. Surprise performances came from sophomore Leslee Fritz and junior Michelle Kirk, who blossomed into strong players during the season.

The Junior Varsity team, under the leadership of first-year coach Linda Payton, set out to break the losing streak of last year's 0-17 season. The team recorded its first victory early in the season, fueling the girls with a more optimistic attitude.

Sophomore Kertie Smith led the team with her pitching, while other key players Janine Ault, sophomore, and freshmen Angie Kueck and Kim Rucker added to team strength.

The secret to setting goals, as learned by both teams, is to set them reasonably and strive for them, without allowing oneself to become obsessed with success or failure. This method of establishing realistic objectives led to all-around success for the girls' Varsity and J.V. softball teams.

CHECKING THE SITUATION. Junior Michelle Kirk seeks out on opportunity to steal second base. In her second year on the team, Kirk started on left field and was one of the team leaders in on-base percentage.



GIRLS' J.V. SOFTBALL TEAM — Front Row: Chris Ellis, Kandel Coolman, Cateen Johnson, Debbie Buck, Paula Gifford, Middle Row: Angie Kueck, Chris Bell, Kim Rucker, Rachel Johnson, Tomoro Cui-

ler, Sam Wholen, Back Row: Coach Linda Payton, Jennifer Withrow, Kelly Roberts, Jeni Hrobato, Joneen Ault, Corree Smith.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' J.V. SOFTBALL
Season Record: 2-14

Hobart	L
Crown Point	L
LaPorte (2)	W/L
Merrillville	L
Highland	L
Griffith	L
Andreon	L
Portage	L
E.C. Central	L
Chesterton	L
Merrillville	L
Griffith	L
Hobart	L
Crown Point	L
M.C. Marquette	W

Sacrifices pay off

Unique team boasts 10 seniors,
earns 13th Sectional title

SCOREBOARD

VARSITY BASEBALL
Season Record: 22-9

Whiting	W
South Central	W/W
Crown Point	W
M.C. Rogers	L
Chesterton	W
M.C. Marquette	W/W
Merrillville	L
Lowell	W
Hobart	L
Portage	W
Gary Roosevelt	W
Loprete	W
M.C. Rogers	W
Chesterton	W
Merrillville	W
Hobart	L
Portage	L
Anderson	L
Loprete	L
E.C. Central	W/W
Elkhart Central	W
Hammond Morton	L
Highland	W
Hotze Mann	W/W
SECTIONAL	W/W
REGIONAL	L

By Tom Blomberg

"The only gift is a portion of yourself." Ralph Waldo Emerson might well have been talking about the varsity baseball team when he uttered those words.

Baseball, like any other team sport, is a game of sacrifices: sacrifice flies, sacrifice bunts, time, and giving of yourself for the benefit of the team.

Varsity Coach Pat Murphy thinks that the sacrifices built team spirit and closeness. "They give of themselves for the success of the team; that means that some of the team is sitting on the bench so that the team can do its best," Murphy said.

Murphy felt that his team got along well, partly because it was unique. This season's team boasted 10 seniors, the largest number Murphy had ever coached. Some of those 10 were not starters, but Murphy had nothing but praise for them. "Those guys are showing a lot of class sitting the bench for the benefit of the team," he said.

The squad also had two sophomores on its roster for the first time in years. Both started and did an exceptional job according to Murphy. 17 players and six pitchers rounded out the lineup, including

two left-handed senior hurlers.

Key players throughout the season included: seniors Rob Strikwerdo, Scott Spruitenburg, Frank Melion, Fred McLone, and Phil Rettinger, and sophomores Scott Petcu and Matt Sinclair. Spruitenburg was named the Vikes' Most Valuable Player while Melion received Most Valuable Offense and Petcu earned Most Valuable Defense. Rettinger received the Viking Hustle Award.

Under the supervision of Coach Murphy and Assistant Coach Biff Geiss, the team finished third in the DAC, sacrificing first place to its toughest competition Hobart and Portage.

The junior varsity team, coached by Gary Gray, ended its season with a 9-11 record. The freshman team, coached by Paul Kalb, finished its second season with a 12-6 record.

In every sport a player must be willing to give of themselves to benefit the team. On the school's baseball teams, those sacrifices were rewarded with respect, team spirit, and a good season. Players learned to bring out the best of each other by giving of themselves.



BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM — Front Row: Matt Sinclair, Frank Melion, Scott Petcu, Rob Strikwerdo, Doug Walls, Fred McLone, Bernie

Grobowski, Erin Morgan, Sean Seiwink. Back Row: Assistant Coach Biff Geiss, David Wartz, Paul Vainmon, Scott Spruitenburg, Phil Rettinger, Mike Connors, Joe Kemmerer, Bob Mogentz, Lee Petcu, Head Coach Pat Murphy.



BOYS' J.V. BASEBALL TEAM — Front Row: Bob Resh, Wally Szymanski, Jeff Porter, Mark Crownover, Bryan Siewink, Second Row: Mark Connors, Mike Powell, Dominic Locapo, Joe Kemmerer, Jeff Goff, Doug Peterson. Back Row: Coach Gary Gray, Darren Pedersen, Ames Hozlett, Tom Meyers, Aaron Lockey, Mark Robinson, David Wartz.



SENIOR PITCHER PHIL Rertinger prepares to uncork a pitch against his own teammate during an intersquad game. Rertinger was one of two southpaws that hurled for the Vikings.

JEREMY DERUCKI, FRESHMAN comes in standing as he scores on a wild pitch in the freshman baseball game against Merrillville Harrison.



FRESHMAN BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM — Front Row: Kyle Ehmon, Mark Strommon, Rob Carns, Chris McGlathlin, Greg Kabe, Scott Miller. Second Row: Sean Reynolds, Jeff Erdelac, Joe Harris, Mike Shappe, Chris Linkimer, Jason Mikaloff, Andy Funk. Third Row: asst'n Mark Sundwall, Charlie LaMont, Joe Mullin, Jeremy Derucki, Sam Watson, Ryan Hudak, Paul Kalb, coach. Added in 1986, the team is in its second season.



TAKING A GENEROUS lead off at second base, junior Ames Hazlett gears himself for the next play in the j.v. game versus Chesteran.

LEFT-HANDED HURLER Scott Spruitenburg, senior, takes a look at things from the other side of the mound as he waits for his pitch.

SPRINTERS DEFIED COLD weather as freshman Calette Douglas, sophomore Mary Pat Sullivan, and seniors Kim Allen and Kelly Seraczynski set up their starting blocks for the 100-meter dash, later won by Seraczynski.

CONCENTRATION IS THE name of the game as second-year discus thrower Laura Stanier, sophomore, prepares for release. Stanier placed first at the Lake Central meet with an impressive throw of 118 feet.



GIRLS' TRACK TEAM — Front Row: Sarah Bernard, Lisa Arnold, Emily Jonkowsky, Rachel Whitchee, Julie Sorenson, Lori Cuth, Meghan Martin, Becky Dehl, Amy Baker. Second Row: Kathy Switzer, Stacey Parch, Kelly Seraczynski, Jody Humes, Kim Allen, Sandy Nemcek, Mary Pat Sullivan, Stephanie Snider. Third Row: Coach Karen DeVries, Calette Douglas, Nancy Carman, Kristin Hartwig, Starr Witherspoon, Missi Voight, Carole Cammon, Carrie Kerns,

Tami Blamberg. Fourth Row: Paula Riley, Melanie Groat, Maureen Sullivan, Jody Gudino, Lisa Hart, Shannon Bahanning, Heather Fiestz, Jenny Payne. Back Row: Coach Debbie Fray, Beth Hill, Sue Dalhaver, Heather Moore, Lisa Henderson, Becky Stanier, Jennifer Henderson, Laura Stanier, Wanda Petersen, Jenny Pitt, Head Coach Ralph Iatrala, Coach Nancy Ficken.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS' TRACK
Season Record: 7-0

Partridge	W
Chesteron	W
LePorte	W
Memillville	W
Hobart	W
Lake Central	W
M.C. Rogers	W
DAC	1st
Sectionals	4th

DRIVE AND DETERMINATION helped freshman Stacey Parch pace herself to finish a 3200-meter race with a sectional qualifying time. A newcomer to distance running, Parch finished the season with varsity status.



Youth aids Vikes

Veterans, rookies combine for a victorious season

By Heather Fierst

As the boat glides across the surface of the water, its rowers maneuver their oars with perfect rhythm. Crowds gather on the shore and cheer as the scullers cross the finish line, victorious.

Just as a team of rowers depends on strong leadership and cooperation, so did the girls' track team work together as a group under capable coaches as it aimed for success.

"We had fewer members, but they were in shape and willing to run their hearts out for team," Head Coach Ralph Iatrala said. Iatrala joined the faculty this year.

In the past, the Lady Vikes had proved strong in distance and field events, but weak in sprints. Things changed quickly when Junior Sandy Nemcek and seniors Kim Allen and Jennifer Henderson came on strong in the 100- and 200-meter events. Senior

Kelly Serazinsky turned in fine performances in the 400- and 1600-meter relay events.

Field event standouts included senior Stephanie Snider, freshman Rachel Witcher, and sophomores Laurie Cush and Becky and Laura Stanier.

Team togetherness is essential in every sport, but the girls came together like never before at the Duneland Athletic Conference, where they defeated arch-rivals Chesterton and Portage by scoring in every event.

The team regained the DAC championship, a title not held since 1986. "The girls really pulled together at the DAC. They deserved to win," Iatrala said.

Much like the successful rowers, team effort combined with individual leadership helped the girls' track team take its place at the top and kept the girls on the winning track.



STRIVING FOR VICTORY. first year hurdlers Kathy Switzer, freshman, Judi Gudino, sophomore, and Laurie Cush, sophomore, leap the obstacles to the finish line. Cush qualified for sectional competition.

tion in the 100-meter hurdles and long jump. She reached the finals in both events, but did not continue to regionals.

TOP DISTANCE RUNNERS Junior Nor Keommere and seniors Carl Frey and Jim Arnold help the Vikings defeat Hobart in a home meet by finishing third, second, and first in the 1600.

SENIOR RUSTY JOHNSTON breaks the rope as he places first in the 800 during a meet against Merrillville.



SCOREBOARD

BOYS' TRACK

Indoor Season Record: 16:2

Outdoor Season Record: 7:4

Portage	L
Chesterton	L
Gary Lew Wallace	W
LaPorte	W
Merrillville	W
Hobart	W
North Newton	W
Chesterton Relays	2nd
Michigan City Rogers	W
Valps Relays	W
DAC Meet	3rd
SECTIONALS	3rd
REGIONALS	12th



BOYS' TRACK TEAM — Front Row: Jeff Nevills, Tony Mendoza, Rich Marrell, Don Dunivan, Kyle Rizzo, Greg May, Eric Utterback, Brian Wilson, Mike Gost, Tom Gost, Tony Rickman, David Fortunok, Len Moyersky, Dick Wardrop, Don Clark, Rich Chaote, Cliff Mallings, Chris Cottrill, Jim Calzocorto. Second Row: Mike Landry, Paul Synawic, Steve Snider, Chris Boss, Don Jones, Rob McGough, Jeff Gilliam, Tim Thorley, Bryon Benke, Mark Ziegert, Steven Mueller, Rusty Johnston, Jeff Stanzok, Dave Evans, Brian Povich, John Trick, Chris Selles, Sean Molayyer, Matt Flary, Third Row: Todd Bauer, Pete Brandy, Daug Deon, Brian Kissinger, Tom Steer, Ryan Bennington, Don McGuckin, Pete Cunningham, Jim Arnold, Nor Keommere, Aaron Pachalke, Ted Milonowski, Rusty Goodwin, John Larguro, Chad Grienke, Bryon Montel, Jim Wilson, Chad

Beesley, Coach Terry Cox. Fourth Row: Shawn Poff, Craig Corneli, Matt Kush, Eric Jokei, Jason Mack, Emmet Fitzgerald, William Lucroca, Matt Hordwick, Don Detjeimon, Charlie Douglas, Scott Perez, Ryan Rozinski, Matt Utterback, Carl Frey, John Newlin, Brent Ruggaber, Don Jones, Coach Dale Gort, Fifth Row: Eric Shirey, Adam Horn, Mike Putman, Mike Herron, Brian Schnekenberger, Jim King, John Gertsemeier, Mike Scime, Kevin Newell, Kevin Birky, Rob Nelson, Rob Mahaney, Shawn Brennan, John Pitt, Chad Nightingale, Carl Shum, Head Coach Mark Hoffman, Back Row: Doman Colby, Mark Balde, Managers Missy Thomas, Heather Hoffman, Kelly VanRosendole, Monica Bowman, Tonyo Albrechts, Stephanie Peters, Sarah Evans, Janine Rase, Kathy Kelly.



Strong tradition

Seniors, hard work lead Vikes to fifth straight Valpo Relays win

By Matt Jankowski

For many years, the Los Angeles Raiders have draped black-and-silver banners across their home stadium walls that read "Tradition of Excellence." The Raiders have backed their motto by consistently being one of the best and most feared teams in the National Football League. In that same way, the boys' track team has once again established itself as one of the best track teams in Indiana.

"Other than the fact that we had incredible depth, the one thing that kept the team winning was the group, especially the seniors, worked to continue the Valpo track tradition," said second-year Head Coach Mark Hoffman.

Despite falling just short of last season's undefeated mark, the Vikes boasted an overall season mark of 54 wins to only nine losses. Furthermore, the team bested the competition in the Valpo Relays for the fifth consecutive year and finished with their seventh straight ranking at 18.

"Winning the Valpo Relays again was prob-

ably the season highlight," Hoffman said. "It took a lot of dedication on the team's part to overcome some of the injuries that were hurting us at the time and still come through with first place."

In addition to the Valpo Relays, Hoffman included senior co-captain Jim Arnold's achieving the state best time for the 3200 meter distance race as one of the major accomplishments on the year.

Also setting records for the Vikes were senior co-captain Scott Perez, who tapped the 200 meter dash field with a time of 21.49 seconds and freshman Eric Utterback, who set the school record for freshman in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:06.

Summing up the season, Hoffman said he was pleased with his team's performance.

"You always have to look for better, but the team did very well," Hoffman said. "It took a lot of hard work and dedication to get us as far as we got. We're losing a good group of seniors this year, and I'm looking for next year's group to continue the tradition."



WITH ASSISTANCE FROM freshman Brian Pavich, junior Rich Choate springs out of the starting blocks to begin the 400 yard dash. Pavich and Choate are just two of the underclassmen who will have to continue the team's winning tradition next year.



LEADING OFF FOR the 1600 meter relay team is senior Steven Mueller. Mueller was a team captain and a third-year letterman for the Viking runners.

What's in a *Name*

By Jennifer Barker

In a world of categories and classifications, students managed to break away from strict and stifling stereotypes, concentrating on personal interests and goals as top priority moved from fitting in to standing out.

Extra-curricular activities and clubs allowed for students' new-found individuality, tailored according to members' specific needs. Many students looked to these groups to distinguish themselves from their peers, mingling with others who shared their own interests and hobbies.

Students took it upon themselves to create the German Club, which offered a taste of German culture not found in any classroom. The 46-member club organized trips into Chicago's German sector and a Christmas celebration with a German theme.

Gamesmasters catered to those with a different specialty. Members of this newly-created club met regularly to discuss and demonstrate game strategies.

Our treasured individuality continued into the parking lot, where each and every car carried its mark of personal identity in the form of a school-issued parking sticker. The sticker policy was enforced yet again this year, after years of existing on paper but not in practice.

Students defied generalization by creating outlets for personal interests and abilities and, in the process, emerged as individuals in their own right.



LETTING OUT THE week's pentup energy, students form a chorus line at a post-game sac-hop. Sac-hops were a way for students to get together during the weekend and also served as major fund-raisers for clubs and organizations.



STRUTTING THEIR STUFF, junior and senior football players show Powderpuff fans what they can do. The guys sported skirts the entire day, generating spirit during homecoming week.

Breathing a sigh of relief

Seniors rejoice at ending over 13 years of study

By Gwen Kenney

Munchkins told Dorothy that by following the yellow brick road, she would find the Emerald City, home of the Wizard, the only man in all of Oz who could help her get back to Konso.

Parents gave their children similar advice, sending them on a big yellow school bus in search of the future. While Dorothy found her Emerald City in less than two hours, seniors took over a decade to find theirs.

Graduation was finally within reach, after 13 years of schooling. Unfortunately, a memorable graduation ceremony required more than clicking the heels of their red ruby shoes. "We wanted to provide the seniors with a memorable and fun year and graduation ceremony," Kim Sovich, senior class treasurer, said.

To make the ceremony enjoyable for everyone involved, officers asked for public opinion. "First, a committee was formed, and we sent out a questionnaire to every senior. We went through each questionnaire and counted up the votes on the class's recommendations," Matt Krynski, senior

class vice-president, said.

However, general opinion did not promote drastic changes in procedures. "This year, baccalaureate and graduation took place on the same day," Paul Kroeger, senior class president, said. "The direction of last year's ceremony was good and we wanted to continue in that direction."

Of course, the purpose of all this preparation was to provide a special occasion. "During graduation, you have people with something in common coming together to celebrate," Mark Fisher, senior class secretary, said.

While the Emerald City marked both the end of an adventure and a return to normalcy for Dorothy and Toto, graduation represented only a brief stop for seniors with a lifetime of new opportunities ahead. High school now offered them little more than memories to fill the past and skills to succeed in the future.

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS (front row) Paul Kroeger, president; Kim Sovich, treasurer; (back row) Matt Krynski, vice-president; Mark Fisher, secretary.



BARBARA JO ADKINS — student aide 3,4

TODD JAMES AGNEW — 2,4; NHS 3,4; swimming 2,4; intramural volleyball 2,4

WENDY ELLEN AICHER

KRISTIN LEIGH AILES — FCA 2,3; FEC 2,4; NHS 3,4 (sec.); student council 2; V-teens 2,4; intramural volleyball 2,4

KEN SCOTT ALEXANDER — drama 3,4; FEC 2,4; soccer 3,4; cross-country 4; academic decathlon 4; academic super bowl 4; pep band 2,4

SHANNON MARIE ALEXANDER — FEC 4; SADD 2,4; cheer 2,4

SHARON ALEXANDER

KIM ELAINE ALLEN — drama 3; SADD 3,4; gymnastics 2; track 3,4

SHELBY LYNN ANDERSON — pep club 2,3; SADD 2,4 (sec.); V-teens 4

SARAH EMILY ANDREWS — drama 2; FEC 4; student council 4; vikettes 2,3; boys' swimming manager 3; volleyball 3,4

DONNA ANDRICK

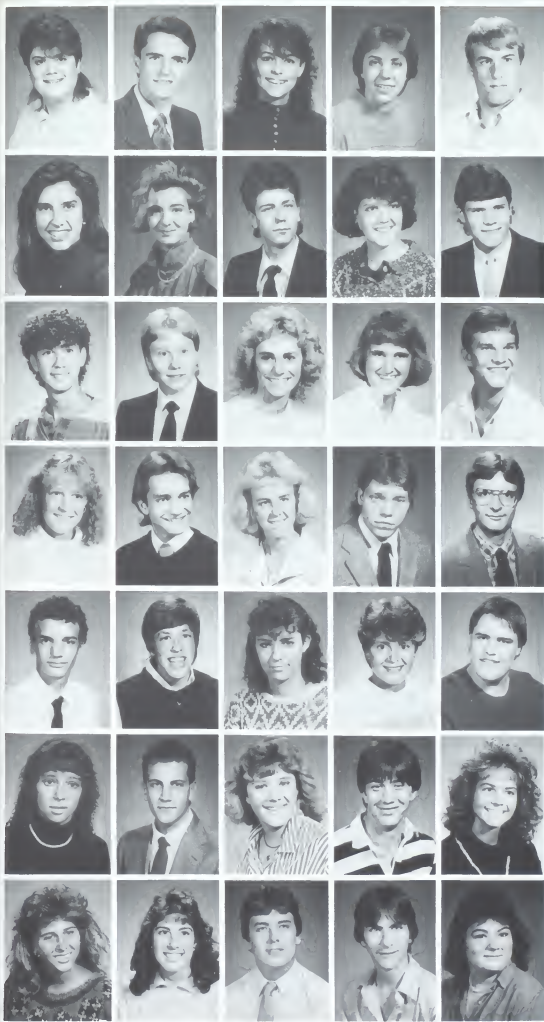
JEFF ANSELM — SADD 2,4; basketball 2,4; intramural volleyball 3,4; intramural tennis 4

ANGELA MICHELLE ANTONMARRIA — VICA 4

JESSI LYNN ARMSTRONG — intramural basketball 4

SCOTT M. ARMSTRONG — wrestling 2,4





SHERI LYNN ARNDT — (Washington Twp.) drama 2; speech 2; pep club 2.3; SADD 3
JAMES H. ARNOLD — FCA 2.4 (pres.); FEC 2.4 (reas.); NHS 3.4; SADD 4; cross-country 2.4; track 2.4
CHERYL MARIE ATKINSON — FEC 2.3; pep club 2; SADD 2; gymnastics 2; swimming 2.3
AMY B. BAKER — FEC 2.4; NHS 3.4; SADD 3; cross-country 2.3; girls' track manager 2.4; German club 4; speech 4
DAVID EVERETT BAKER — drama 2.4; football 2.3; track 2

MELISSA ANN BALDWIN — FEC 3; SADD 3.4; student council 2.4 (v. pres.); student faculty senate 4 (pres.)
ANNE-METTE BANG — drama 4; FEC 4; German club 4
JEFF C. BARKER
JENNIFER MARILYNN BARKER — drama 2.4; FEC 2.4; pep club 2; Valenian 4 (co-ed.); Viking Press 4; softball 2.4
ROBERT MARTIN BARNES — VICA 4

JEFF BEACH — pep club 3; VICA 4; football 2
MICHAEL ALAN BEAN — VICA 3.4 (v. pres.)
ERICA PATRICIA DEEG — vikettes 2.4; Intramural volleyball 3.4
LAURIE HELEN BELL — FCA 2.4; FEC 2.4; NHS 4; SADD 2; student council 2; student faculty senate 2; V-teens 4; swimming/diving 2.4 (capt.)
BRYAN LEE BENKE — basketball 2.4; track 2.4; football 2.4

WENDY GAIL BERNER — drama 2.3 (reas.); FEC 2; speech 2 (reas.); cross-country 2.3; track 2; orchestra 2.4 (pres.); jazz ensemble 3.4; pep band 3.4
WILLIAM H. BERRYMAN
PAMELA SUE BETZ — FEC 2; softball 3; band 2.4
SCOTT DAVID BIHLMAN — football 2.4; track 2; weightlifting 2.4; Intramural basketball 2.4
KEVIN W. BIRKY — football 3.4; track 4; weightlifting 4

MICHAEL JOHN BLAKE
ERIN ALICE BLAND — DECA 3; quiz bowl 2.4; SADD 2
JULIE MARIE BODA — FEC 4; YARC 4
ANN MARIE BOGUSLAWSKI — FCA 2.4; FEC 2.4; NHS 3.4; SADD 2; V-teens 4; swimming 2.4; band 2.4
MARK ALLEN BOLDE — FEC 2.3; football 2.4; track 2.4; ski club 4; weightlifting 2.4

JENNIFER A. BONJEAN — drama 2.4; FEC 2; speech 3.4; NHS 3.4; student council 3; Intramural basketball 4
JOHN ROBERT BORCHERTMEYER
AUDREY JEAN BOTTOS — VICA 4
MICHAEL JEFFERY BOTTOS — VICA 3.4 (reas.)
ANGELA SUZANNE BOWLBY — cheerleader 3; FEC 4; pep club 2; SADD 4; V-teens 4; vikettes 2

KATHLEEN HOLLY BRADY — FCA 2.4; FEC 2; pep club 2; SADD 2.4; student council 2.4; student faculty senate 4; V-teens 4; diving 2.4; gymnastics 2; track 2
KAREN SUZANNE BRENNAN — cheerleader 4; FEC 2.4
BRIAN SCOT BRETZINGER — VICA 3
PAUL BREWER
KAREN LYNN BRLETICH

KATHLEEN MARIA BROBECK — DECA 3; FEC 2.4; NHS 3.4; YARC 3; track 2.3
 CATHERINE ANNE BROWN — cheerleader 3; FCA 2.3; FEC 2.4; pep club 2; SADD 2.4; student council 3.4; basketball 2
 WILLIAM BROWN — FEC 2.4; SADD 2.3; swimming/diving 3
 LORI LYNN BRUDER — drama 2.4; FEC 2.3; SADD 2.3; vikettes 2.3 (squad leader); YARC 2; swing chair 2.4; swim team manager 3.4
 JENNIFER ANN BRYANT — drama 2.4; band 2.4



MELISSA CHRISTINE BUBIK — Valenian 3.4
 MICHAEL JON BUCKER — domestic travel 2; Intramural tennis 3; ICT 4
 CARRIE ANNE BUCK — cheerleader 3; FEC 2.4; SADD 2.4; student council 2.3; softball 2.4; intramural volleyball 2.4
 TAMEY BUYP — OEA 4 (pres.)
 LORI ANN BURK — drama 2.4; FEC 2.3; speech 4; SADD 2.4; V-teens 3; vikettes 2; YARC 3.4; swimming 2



KELLY ANNE CAMPBELL — OEA 4 (sec.)
 SCOTT ALLEN CAMPBELL — FEC 2.4; math team 2.3; NHS 3.4; quiz bowl 3.4; student council 4
 TARA SUZANNE CARLSON — DECA 3; SADD 4
 JEFFREY LEE CARNAKIEL — drama 2.4; FEC 2.4; speech 2.4 (pres.); NHS 3.4; student faculty senate 4 (treas.); Viking Press 2.4 (co-ed.); chair 2.3; Quill and Scroll 3.4; academic super bowl 4; swing chair 2.3



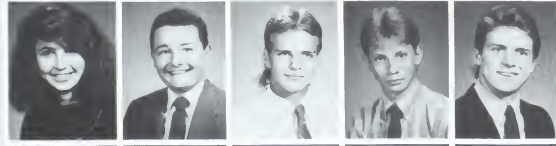
DANIEL JACK CARRELL — FCA 2.4; FEC 3.4; wrestling 2.4; intramural volleyball 4
 JEAN A. CARTER — FEC 2; basketball 2; softball 2.4; football statistics and manager 3.4
 TAMMY DENISE CARTER — SADD 2
 CARISSA ALICE CASBON — drama 2.4; speech 2.3; NHS 3.4



JASON K. CASBON — FEC 4; VICA 4 (pres.); intramural skiing 2.3
 KRISTIN K. CASBON — gymnastics 2; intramural volleyball 4; intramural basketball 4; academic decathlon 4
 CAROLE MARIE CASTO — FEC 2.4; SADD 2.3; student council 2; V-teens 4 (treas.); intramural basketball 2.4; intramural volleyball 4
 BRAD S. CAVANAUGH — basketball 2.4



JAMIE LYNN CLARK — drama 3.4; FEC 2.3; SADD 2.3; V-teens 2.3; YARC 2.3; intramural tennis 2
 JOHN H. CLAUSSEN
 DARIN P. CLEAVELAND — football 2.4; track 2.3; weightlifting 2.4; intramural basketball 3.4
 JONATHAN WILLIAM CLINE — swimming 2
 MICHAEL S. CLOYS — FEC 4; SADD 4; football 4; track 4; intramural basketball 4; intramural volleyball 4



STACY ELLEN COATES — chair 2.4
 L. DAMON COLBY — football 3.4; track 3.4; intramural basketball 2.4; intramural volleyball 4
 CHRISTOPHER SCOTT COLE — FCA 2.4; VICA 3.4 (pres.); wrestling 2.4
 LARA ANNE CONDIE — FEC 3.4; SADD 3.4; vikettes 2.3
 MELISSA ANN CONRICK





JOE COPS

KATHLEEN MARIE CRAWFORD — FEC 2.4; NHS 4: student council 4; vikettes 4; Viking Press 3.4; swing choir 3.4; pep club 2
MELISSA LYNN CROWNOVER — FCA 2.3; FEC 2; NHS 3.4; SADD 4; Viking Press 3; volleyball 2.4; basketball 2.3; track 2; German club 2; pep club 2
JENNIFER ANN CURTIS — FCA 2.4; FEC 2.4; NHS 3.4; SADD 2.4; V-teens 4; Volention 4; basketball 2.4; band 2.4
STACIE LYNN CZAP — SADD 2; vikettes 3.4

JEFFREY M. DAXE — football (capt.); wrestling 2; weightlifting 2.4; intramural basketball 4; intramural volleyball 4

JEFF DENNINGTON

HOLLY ANN DENNIS — DECA 3.4 (pres.); FEC 3.4; SADD 2.4; student faculty senate 4; vikettes 2.3
JASON PAUL DERUCKI — basketball 2.4; intramural volleyball 4
JULIE ANN DEUBERRY — FEC 2.3; NHS 3.4; SADD 2.4; vikettes 2.3 (squad leader)



Seniors predict future

Realistic viewpoints rank low

By Alex Copeland

Tarot cards and crystal balls may give some indication of what the future holds for them, but students took a simpler approach to the art of fortune telling. They set their sights on future success and happiness, and with this they developed their own variation of the American Dream, both realistic and otherwise.

Students had high aspirations regarding occupations and lifestyles over the next 10 years. Senior Brian Valk hoped to be a successful archi-

tect, engaged to be married and living in Huntington Beach, California.

Senior Todd Schall expressed more idealistic hopes for the future. "I'll live in Denver, Colorado and own a condo on a ski resort," he said.

"I hope to be practicing medicine in Kentucky," senior Jenny Stanier said. Fellow senior Jan Young also anticipated a successful career in the field of medicine.

Still other students had more offbeat projections for their futures. Senior Tam Fiegle said, "I'll be waiting for phile."

Senior Janice Kugler said, "In 10 years I, personally, plan to be sitting on a beach on the north island of New Zealand, reading the Communist Manifesta while my husband, Lawry,

builds sandcastles with our seven children. I would like to do this because New Zealand is a cool, hip, pacific place where there is no fear of nuclear destruction. I can also practice international law there."

Other students avoided setting definite goals for the future and chose to live from day to day. "I'll let fate run its course," senior Heather Fierst said.

While some graduates will live one day at a time, others will use the coming years to further develop their goals.

A graduate's plans to follow the advice of fortune tellers and mystical wisdom or to shape his own destiny will either turn his goals into reality or lead his life down a different path.

WORKING TO EARN spending money, senior Melissa Dubik files court dockets at the Porter County Clerk's Office each day from 3:40-3 p.m.



AMY LINN DOELLING

SUE ANN DOLHOVER — Volention 4; Viking Press 4; track 2.4; band 2.4; Quill and Scroll 4
JENNIFER IRENE DOWME — FEC 2.3; SADD 2.3; vikettes 2.4 (squad leader); band 2.4
COLE C. DOOLITTLE — FEC 3.4; NHS 3.4; SADD 3.4; football 2.4; track 3; weightlifting 2.4; intramural basketball 4
SHARON R. DORRIS — FCA 2.3; FEC 2.3; SADD 2.3; tennis 2.4 (capt.); intramural volleyball 3; intramural basketball 4

CHRIS DOWD — VICA 4

GUS DRES
MARK DUFALLO
JEFF DYGER
LAURIE LYNN EBERHARDT — choir 2.4; swing choir 3

EDWARD DEAN EDGINGTON

CHRISTA BETH EICHENGER — math team 2.3; NHS 3.4; academic decathlon 3.4; academic super bowl 3
 MELINDA NICOLE EICHORN — FEC 3.4; NHS 3.4; academic decathlon 4; band 2.4; pep band 2.4; jazz band 2.4
 SUSAN M. ELDREDGE — band 4; choir 4; caroles 4
 SCOTT ANTHONY ELLSWORTH — FCA 3.4; FEC 2.4; NHS 4; wrestling 2; intramural tennis 3; intramural volleyball 3.4



JEFFREY DAVID ENGEL — FEC 4

LISA JOANN EPPLE — drama 2; FEC 2; SADD 2; vikettes 3; orchestra 2; intramural weightlifting 2
 DANA MARIE ERDELAC — FEC 3.4; OEA 4 (v. pres.); SADD 2
 ERIC DAVID EVANS — drama 2; FEC 2.4; SADD 2.4; YARC 3.4
 MARCIA LYNN EVANS — FCA 2; FEC 2.4; NHS 4; student council 2; volleyball 2; track 2.3; cross-country 3; tennis 4; intramural volleyball 4



SARAH NICOLE EVANS — FCA 2.4; FEC 2.4; SADD 4; V. teens 4; intramural volleyball 4; band 2.3
 DIANA LYNN FAUSER — SADD 2.3
 MICHELLE L. FAYARD — vikettes 4
 ALLEN DAVID FEDERMAN — football 2.3; wrestling 2.4; intramural volleyball 3.4
 TROY ALAN FERGUSON — FCA 2.4; FEC 3.4; SADD 4; wrestling 2; soccer 2.4; cross-country 3.4; intramural skiing 2.4



KENNETH JAMES FETLA

THOMAS M. FIEGLE — drama 3; SADD 2
 HEATHER MARIE FIERT — drama 2.4; FEC 2.4; speech 2 (v. pres.); SADD 2; Valenion 3.4; track 2.4; Quill and Scroll 3.4
 DRET M. FISCHER — football 2; swimming 4
 SARAH MARIE FISCHER — FEC 2.3; NHS 3.4; volleyball 2.3; track 2.3; swimming 4; intramural skiing 3



Ability to adapt Seniors try to conquer college

By Scott Maesch

Although no one has ever fallen off a mountain and lived to tell about it, this year's senior class has just fallen off a very high mountain and miraculously survived, only to descend into their freshman year in college.

Falling from an incredible height is no easy problem to deal with. Students felt they would have some problems adjusting both socially and academically. Most seniors felt these problems could be overcome because of their high school studies.

"Academically, I think I'll be accepted fine. Learning study skills

and being pushed in all areas of study have prepared me for college life. Socially, however, I'll have to adjust to new types of people other than those at VHS," one senior said.

Most seniors looked forward to attending a four-year college. Many of these colleges were in state, and very commonly Indiana and Purdue Universities.

"I plan on attending Purdue North Central, the Purdue, and finally to West Lafayette," one anonymous senior said.

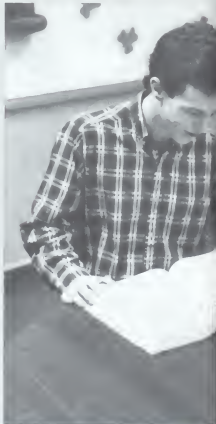
Although most wanted to attend college, some planned to go elsewhere after graduation. Jeff

Lewis, for example, anticipated entering the Marine Corps after leaving high school.

"I plan to enter the Marine Corps this summer and enter basic training. Within a matter of years, I hope to be fighting in the Persian Gulf," Lewis said.

Although these seniors have fallen off the summit of the VHS mountain, they will undoubtedly move on to greater things and rise to new heights in all aspects of their future.

GLANCING OVER POSSIBLE colleges to attend, senior Scott Armstrong is forced to make one of life's more difficult decisions — choosing a college.





MARK D. FISHER — class officer 4 (sec.); FEC 3,4; SADD 4; student council 4; tennis 2,4; Intramural basketball 3,4
 BILL WAYNE FITZPATRICK — baseball 2,3; wrestling 3; intramural tennis 2,4; intramural bowling 4
 CHRIS LEE FLETCHER — DECA 3,4 (sec.)
 JULIE FLETCHER — Viking Press 3,4; FEC 2,4
 ELIZABETH A. FLYNN — FCA 2,4; SADD 2,4; basketball 2,4; intramural volleyball 2,4



ERIN LEIGH FORKER — FEC 2,3; student council 2; intramural volleyball 3,4; intramural basketball 4
 SCOTT ALLEN FORSYTHE — soccer 2,4; intramural volleyball 3
 COREY M. FORTUNE — football 2,4; weightlifting 2,4
 JOE S. FOSTER
 ANGELA JUNE FRANGIS — DECA 3,4; swimming 2,3; intramural volleyball 2



CARL F. FREY — FCA 2,4 (sec.); math team 2,4; NHS 3,4; cross-country 2,4; track 4; academic decathlon 4; academic super bowl 3,4
 KAREN SUE FRODISH — intramural volleyball 2; carrels 2,4
 JANET MARIE FULLER — softball 2,4; football manager 3,4; intramural basketball 4
 YOICHI FUNATOKO
 STEVE C. GAST



CURTIS W. GEAR — football 2; baseball 2,4; wrestling 2; intramural volleyball 4; intramural basketball 4
 CAMIE RENEE GEER — vikettes 2,3
 STACEY GENGO — class officer 3
 JOSEPH LARRY MICHAEL GERZEMA — FEC 2,4; SADD 4; swimming 2,4 (capt.); intramural volleyball 2,4
 DEBORAH LYNN GILL — drama 2,4; FEC 2,3; NHS 3,4; student council 3



JEFFERY SCOTT GILLIAM — football 2,4; track 3,4; weightlifting 2,4
 LORNA GODBY
 MARK GOLDSTINE
 MAGDALINE GORSKI



KIMBERLY SUE GOTT — FCA 2,4 (v. pres.); student council 2,4; basketball 2,4
 BERNARD JOSEPH GRABOWSKI — FCA 4; FEC 4; football 2; baseball 2,4; intramural basketball 2,4; weightlifting 2
 TONYA GRAY
 APRIL GROARK



MIKE R. GROTE — intramural basketball 2; jazz band 2,4
 RODNEY WAYNE GUSTAFSON — football 2,4; soccer 4
 JOANNA MARGARET DESJREE HAGSTROM — FEC 2,4; SADD 2,4; vikettes 3,4; ski club 2,4; choir 3,4; swimming manager 2,4
 MARCUS RILEY HAMACHER — FCA 2,4; FEC 2,4 (v. pres.); NHS 3,4 (v. pres.); student council 2,4; student faculty senate 4; wrestling 2,4; soccer 2,4

CHRISTINE HAMILTON

WILLIAM HENRY HARDISON II — FEC 2-4; NHS 2-4; soccer 3-4; swimming 2-4
JESSE R. HARPER — SADD 2-3; Viking Press 2-3; intramural basketball 2-3; ski club 4; weightlifting 2-4
MATTHEW JOHN HARRINGTON — FCA 4; NHS 3-4; cross-country 2-4; basketball 2-3; soccer 2-4; intramural basketball 4

KRISTIN SUE HARTWIG — FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4; NHS 3-4; SADD 2-4; student council 2; V-teens 4; track 2-4; cross-country 3-4 (capt.); band 2-4
JEFF A. HEATH — VICA 4; intramural basketball 3-4
THOMAS ALAN HERBERT — golf 4; intramural volleyball 4; intramural golf 4
MINDY HEINOLD

TED JOSEPH HEINZE — faarball 2-4; intramural basketball 4; intramural volleyball 4; weightlifting 4
JENNIFER FO HENDERSON — drama 2-3; FEC 2-4; speech 2; NHS 3-4; volleyball 2-4; track 2-4; orchestra 2-4
TAMMY L. HENDRICKSON — FEC 2-3; OEA 4; SADD 2-4
STEPHANIE M. HENRIQUES — VALPO 4; band 2-4; pep band 2-4; jazz band 3

TINA M. HENSEL — FEC 2; softball 2-4
SUSAN ELIZABETH HERSEMANN — drama 2-3; FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4 (sec.); NHS 3-4 (pres.); SADD 2-4; German club 2-4 (pres.); boys' swimming manager 3-4
JENNY S. HIGBIE — softball 2-4; intramural basketball 4
JODI CAROLE HIGHLAN — FEC 2-4; girls' cross-country manager 2
LAURA BAMBER HIGHLAND — FEC 2-3

JOHN P. HILZLEY — drama 2; golf 4; intramural volleyball 4; intramural golf 4
ELIZABETH ANN HOFFERTH — choir 2-4; carousels 4
LORI S. HOMAN — FEC 4; choir 2-4; swing choir 2-4; intramural volleyball 2
JEFF A. HOOD — FEC 2-3; SADD 4; swimming 2-4; intramural volleyball 2-4
JODI LYNN HORTON — FEC 4; vikettes 2-3

JOHN WESLEY HORTON — FEC 2-3; SADD 2-3; Viking Press 2
LAURA A. HOSKINS — SADD 2-3; vikettes 4
JENNIFER LYNN HOWARD — FCA 3; FEC 2-4; student council 2; track 2-3; cross-country 3-4; intramural volleyball 4
SHANNON R. HOWE — drama 3-4; wrestling 3; intramural volleyball 3-4; choir 2-4
JEFFREY MUNRO HUTTINGER — FEC 2-4; NHS 3-4; swimming manager 2-4; intramural basketball 2

ANTHONY J. HUTTON — FEC 2-3; intramural volleyball 3; intramural tennis 3; intramural basketball 3-4
JODI LYNN ILGENFRITZ — drama 2-3; FEC 2-4; SADD 2-4; intramural volleyball 2-3; intramural basketball 2; weightlifting 2; boys' swimming mgr. 3-4
JAMES EDWARD JANKOWSKI — drama 2-3; FEC 3-4; SADD 3
THOMAS ALLEN JESELSKIS — ski club 2
JASON MARTIN JEWELL — soccer 2



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uring the heat of summer

Students use break months to prepare

By Heather Fierst

After years of early morning alarms and late night cramming sessions, the seniors graduated June 5. The question still remained whether to spend the precious summer months working or simply having fun.

"I'm going to the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale in the fall, and things are expensive in Florida, so I'm working at McDonald's until August," senior Kim Vanderwijst said.

Even though many students

STOCKING THE DORM refrigerator, senior Ted Heinze works at Valparaiso University. He plans to work there until it comes time for him to leave for college.

worked for the summer, those who enlisted in the Armed Forces took the summer off before heading to boot camp.

"I enlisted in the Marines, and boot camp starts August 29. I'm going to work for a while, and then quit, so I can have some free time before I leave," senior E.J. Serrano said.

Students who achieved life-saving status in swimming class often served as life guards at oreo pools and beaches. Life-guarding combined a leisurely pastime with strenuous and demanding work.

"Guarding at the Dunes was hard work. You're constantly on the lookout for storms and people in trouble,

but it's healthy and you get a good tan," senior Todd Agnew said.

Getting a tan and having fun were top priorities to seniors during their free time and vacations. "I go to lots of parties and hangout at the beach on my days off," senior Melissa Bubik said.

"After I've finished Violin comp. I spend my free time designing fireworks," senior Wolfgang Tsoutsouris said.

Although many seniors had work during the summer, most took time off their busy schedules for a little relaxation. Whether they worked or played, seniors used their newfound freedom to its fullest potential, enjoying every moment.

ANDY RICHARD JOHANN - NHS 3.4; wrestling 2.4; soccer 3; intramural volleyball 2

JUSTIN CHARLES JOHNSON

LAURA JEAN JOHNSON - chair 3.4

SARA MOLLY JOHNSON - FCA 2.4 (treas.); FEC 2.4; NHS 2.4; SADD 2.4; diving 2.4; gymnastics 2.3; track 3; intramural volleyball 2.4

STEVEN A. JOHNSON - swimming 2.4

TRICIA JOHNSON - DECA 3

JAMES RICHARD JOHNSTON - cross-country 3.4; wrestling 2.4; track 2.4

BELINDA ANN JONES - chair 2.4

COLLEEN FRANCES JONES - FCA 2; track 2.4; cross-country 2.4

KEVIN THOMAS JONES - speech 2; football 2.4; track 2.2; intramural basketball 4; weightlifting 2.4

DANIELLE A. JONES - FCA 3.4; OEA 4; student faculty senate 4; volleyball 2.3; basketball 2.3

LORI EILEEN JORDAN - DECA 2.4; drama 2.3; OEA 4; SADD 2.3

TODD M. JUSTAK - FEC 2; intramural basketball 2.4; HEIDI LYNN KELLOGG - FEC 2.3; NHS 3.4; math team 2.4; softball 3

DAVID A. KELLY - intramural basketball 4; ski club 4; jazz ensemble 2.4

KATRINA MARIE KICKBUSH - FEC 2.4; SADD 2.4; YARC 2.4; band 2.4; student band 2.4; intramural volleyball 2.4

JEANNE KIM - FCA 2.3; FEC 2.4; SADD 2.3; V-teens 3.4; tennis 2.4; intramural tennis 2.3

HEATHER ANN KINSEY - FEC 2.4; SADD 4; ski club 4

DOUGLAS WAYNE KLEMEZ - FEC 2.3; swimming 2.4 (capt.); intramural volleyball 3.4

HEIDI MARIE KLETT - NHS 3.4; student faculty senate 4; cross-country 2; track 2; band 2.4 (sec.); pep band 2.3; studio band 3

TODD MICHAEL KLINEDINST

MICHELLE R. KRAYNAK — drama 2.3; FEC 2; FCA 2; chair 3.4; swing chair 3.4
PAUL NICHOLAS KROEGER — class officer 4 (pres.); drama 3.4; FEC 2.4; speech 3; NHS 4; quiz bowl 4; student council 2.4; basketball 2; German club 2.4
MATTHEW DAVID KRYSINSKI — class officer 2.4 (pres. and v.p.); FCA 4; FEC 2.3; student council 3; student faculty senate 4 (v. pres.); swimming 2.4
JANICE LYNN KUGLER — drama 2.3; FCA 2.3; FEC 4; math team 3.4; Valentin 3.4; Viking Press 3.4



JOSEPH KUHNLE

MATHEW T. KUSH — NHS 3.4; football 2.4; track 2.3; Intramural basketball 2.4
TRISH A. LANDSTROM — class officer 2 (v.p.); FCA 2; FEC 2.4; SADD 2.4; student council 2.4 (pres.); tennis 2.4; student faculty senate 4; Intramural tennis 2.4
SUSANNE ELIZABETH LARGURA — FEC 2.4; NHS 3.4; student council 2.4; V-teens 2.4 (pres.); Intramural tennis 2.3; pep club 2
DANIELE LARUE — track 2



No way to change the past

Students reminisce on past experiences

By Julie Robinson

Throughout the course of 13 years, students' heads are filled with a variety of facts. They depart for college knowing everything from how to solve a quadratic equation to the proper procedure for dissecting a grasshopper. Throughout their school years, however, students have learned things that no course can teach.

"I've learned to budget my time between sports and academics. Sometimes that can be kind of difficult," senior Marc Homocher said.

"I try to use my time wisely and live my life one day at a time. I enjoy my life as much as I can no mat-

ter what happens," senior Bernie Grobowski said.

Just as some academic subjects were not fun to learn, students found that life will not always be pretty. "One thing I've learned is that people are fake," senior Tomey Bupp said. Dealing with different types of people helped them to realize that they could not face the world idealistically.

"I try to get along with different kinds of people. I've realized that you can't just exclude yourself to one little group. It's better to be open-minded," senior Dee Peters said.

Looking back on the years, some

seniors believed they should have done things a little differently. "If I had it to do over again, I would study a lot more," senior Cathy Prosser said.

"If I could start over," senior Tara Carlson said, "I would try to get involved in sports."

Upon leaving high school, students took with them a knowledge not only of reading, writing, and arithmetic, but also many lessons in life which may help them cope with "the real world."

DISCUSSING PAST EXPERIENCES with freshman Mike Herren, senior Jennifer Curtis paints out advantages of learning both school subjects and life at VHS.



ROB LAWRENCE

DONNA MARIE LEACH — OEA 4
MARK LEETZ
WENDY S. LEIB — DECA 3.4
LORI LEE LEVERICH — FEC 4; SADD 2.4; intramural basketball 4; band 2.4



TRACI DENISE LEVERITT — volleyball 2.4; basketball 2; softball 2.4; intramural basketball 4
KERRY ANN LEWANDOWSKI
JEFF WILLIAMS LEWIS — football 2; weightlifting 2.4
JULIANNE L. LITZKOW — FEC 2.4; SADD 2.4; V-teens 2; intramural skiing 2.4
GRETCHEN LOOFT





JAN K. LEUHR'S - FEC 4; football 4; soccer 4; Intramural volleyball 4
 JASON DANIEL MACK - FCA 4; SADD 2-4; football 2-4 (capt.); track 3, 4 (capt.); Intramural basketball 4; weightlifting 2-4
 SARA ANN MACLENNAN - FEC 2-4; SADD 2-4 (treas.); Intramural tennis 2-4; Intramural basketball 4; Intramural volleyball 2-3; pep club 2
 STACEY MARIE MADDEN - FEC 2-4; SADD 2-4 (squad leader)
 ROBERT MAGNETTI



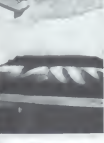
LORA ANN MAIERS - FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4 (pres.); NHS 3, 4 (res.); SADD 2-4; student council 2; V-teens 4; band 2-4; German club 4; Intramural volleyball 2-4
 HEATHER D. MELLETT - FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; SADD 2-4; volleyball 2, 4 (capt.); basketball 2-4; tennis 2-4
 STEPHANIE ANNE MANNEL - swing chair 3, 4
 THOMAS WILLIAM MANNING - GamesMasters 4; intramural volleyball 2-4
 JILL SUZANNE MARIMON - FEC 2, 3; quiz bowl 2, 3; swimming 2-4 (capt.); Intramural volleyball 2



ANNE MARIE MARSHALL - FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; academic decathlon 3, 4; academic super bowl 3, 4
 MEGHAN JANEL MARTIN - FCA 4; NHS 3, 4; cross-country 2; track 2-4; band 2-4; pep band 2, 3; jazz ensemble 2
 MELISSA ELLEN MASSA - FCA 2-4; FEC 2, 3; NHS 3, 4; gymnastics 2-4; intramural volleyball 3, 4
 CINDY MATTHEWS



CHRISTOPHER ALAN MAX - DECA 4; SADD 2; baseball 2
 KELLIE ANNE MCBRIDE
 SHERRI LYNN MCCUDDY - FEC 2, 3; NHS 3, 4; SADD 2-4; YARC 2
 SHELLEY MCGILL



FRED L. McLANE - FEC 2, 3; SADD 4; baseball 2-4; wrestling 2; weightlifting 4
 LISA DAWN MCLEAN - drama 3, 4; SADD 3, 4; gymnastics 2-4
 ELLEN MARGARET MCQUILLAN - FEC 2-4; V-teens 2-4; intramural tennis 2; intramural skiing 2-4
 WILLIAM JAMESON MEERER - drama 2; intramural tennis 2



FRANK JOSEPH MELION - SADD 4; football 2; baseball 2-4; weightlifting 2-4; Intramural basketball 2-4; intramural volleyball 3, 4
 GRAZIELLA MENSELLO - FEC 4
 VANCE M. MERCALDO
 TAMMY LYNN MEYERS - FEC 2, 3; SADD 3
 CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL MILLER - baseball 2, 3; intramural basketball 4; intramural tennis 2-4



DAVE R. MILLER - FEC 4; jazz ensemble 2-4; band 2-4 (pres.); intramural tennis 2; intramural volleyball 3
 TERI A. MILLER - drama 2, 3; FEC 3; vikettes 3, 4; weightlifting 2, 3; swing chair 2-4
 JEN A. MITOL - FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; SADD 2, 3; V-teens 2, 3; Valenian 3; Viking Press 2-4 (co-ed.); YARC 2; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; student faculty senate 4
 JACQUELINE JUSTINE MOONEY - FEC 2, 3; SADD 2, 3
 KRISTEN HIPPLER MOONEY - FCA 2-4; FEC 2-4; NHS 3, 4; swimming/diving 2-4; intramural volleyball 2-4

STEVEN DANIEL MUELLER — football 2-4; track 2-4; weightlifting 2-4
TARA MURPHY — DECA 4
SARAH CHRISTINE MUTKA — FEC 2-4; NHS 3-4; SADD 2-4;
YARC 4; ski club 2; intramural volleyball 2,3
HEIDI LYNN NAGEL — FEC 2
APRIL NEWKIRK — SADD 2



JOHN NEWLIN — SADD 2
SCOTT DAVID NEWSOM — drama 2-4 (pres.); speech 3-4;
(v. pres.); NHS 3-4; student faculty senate 4; intramural
golf 2; academic super bowl 3,4
DIANE LESLIE NOLAN — student aide 4
JENNIFER KATHLEEN NORRIS — FEC 3-4; SADD 3-4
BRETT L. NOVER — FCA 2; swimming 2-4



ITXASENE OCIO — FEC 4; swimming 4
MICHELE OESTREICH
MONICA OWENS
CHRISTOPHER JOHN PARKER — FEC 2-4; SADD 3-4; V-teens
2-4; choir 2-4; swing chair 4
D'WAYNE PARKER



DWIGHT E. PARKER — weightlifting 4
JOHN PARKER
MELISSA ANNE PATRICK — OEA 4; band 2-4
ROBIN LYNETTE PEDERSEN — drama 4; swimming 3; boys'
swimming manager 4
SCOTT M. PEREZ — track 2-4; intramural volleyball 3;
weightlifting 4



CATHERINE N. PERIOLAT — drama 3-4; FEC 3-4; NHS 3-4;
SADD 2-3; softball 3; intramural volleyball 4
DAVID WAYNE PERRINE
LESLIE LOUISE PERROW — FEC 2; SADD 4; track 2-3; golf
3-4; intramural skiing 3,4
LEE F. PETCU JR. — football 2-4; baseball 2-4; weightlifting
2-4
DEANNA KAY PETERS — vikettes 2-3; intramural volley-
ball 3



TED PETERS — FCA 3-4; FEC 3-4; student council 2; basket-
ball 2; track 2; German club 3-4; intramural basketball
3,4
ROBERT J. PETERSEN
DEBORAH PETERSON
MARLA JEAN PHILLIPS
MICHELE JANENE PHIPPS — DECA 3,4



JULIE A. PITT — FEC 2-4; SADD 2-4; intramural volleyball
4
VALERIE LYNN PIZZUTI — FEC 2-4; NHS 4; student council
2
LEANNE POFF
ERIC POMEROY
LISA ANN POMIANOSKI





STEVEN C. POULOS — FEC 3.4; intramural basketball 2.4; intramural volleyball 4
 PETE LEO PRASSAS — FEC 4; intramural tennis 2; intramural basketball 2.4; intramural volleyball 4
 CINDEE MICHELE PRESSEL — vikettes 3
 MARTIN DAVID PRINCH — football 3.4; wrestling 3.4; soccer 3.4; intramural volleyball 3.4; weightlifting 3.4
 CATHERINE LEIGH PROSSER — cheerleading 2.3; FEC 2.4; SADD 2.4 (pres.); V-teens 4; intramural skiing 4; student faculty senate 3.4

MATT SHAWN PRUCINSKY — FEC 2.4; SADD 4; basketball 2; intramural basketball 3.4; intramural volleyball 2.4
 TIM M. RADECKI — SADD 4
 DAVID L. RAYMOND — football 2.4; intramural basketball 2.4; weightlifting 2.4
 PETER MICHEL REGGIE — football 2.4; track 2.3; intramural basketball 2.4; weightlifting 2.4
 ROBYN DIANE RENFRO — band 2

PHIL RETTINGER
 STACEY REYNOLDS
 WESLEY A. REYNOLDS — intramural volleyball 2.4; Games Master 4 (pres.)
 ROBERT FRANK RICHARDS — NHS 4; wrestling 3.4; archery 2.4
 ROBERT CHARLES RISK — NHS 3.4; golf 2.4; basketball 2.4

It's an honor and a privilege Seniors accept invitations to state convention

By Scott Maesch

Man is distinguished from animals by at least two characteristics: superior intelligence and governmental election procedure. While animals determine leaders through territorial battles, man relies on a civilized election.

In short, the difference between animal and human authority is a matter of caucuses versus carcasses. Boys' and girls' state offered students the opportunity to experience America's political system first hand.

Valparaiso sent seven representatives to state, where they studied government-related subjects in a social environment for two weeks. Representatives included Jeff Carmichael, Sarah Fischer, Debbie Gill, Marc Hamacher, Paul Kraeger, and Jenny Stanier.

"We elected officials and placed them in their own individual towns, which were represented

by different floors. After that, we ran each of our towns," Kraeger said.

The process of selecting student delegates began with teacher recommendations. Names which came up frequently were given to the American Legion, Rotary Club, and Kiwanis Club. These organizations, in turn, made the final decision.

Delegates found meetings to be a valuable experience. "It was worth doing just to meet new friends," Carmichael said.

While brute strength rules the roost, boys' and girls' state gave students a new experience of a more civilized system. This information about our government's system provides a strong basis for the future.

PARTICIPANTS IN the government workshop at ISU are seniors Jeff Carmichael, Debbie Gill, Paul Kraeger, Jennifer Stanier and Marc Hamacher.



DAWN MARIE ROBERTSON — SADD 2; vikettes 2-4 (squad leader)
 NORM L. ROBERTSON — drama 3,4; speech 4; quiz bowl 3,4; SADD 2,4
 RICHARD T. E. ROGERS
 EVAN ARTHUR RONNEAU — gamesmasters 4
 PAUL ROBERT ROZDILSKY — VICA 3



MARLA MARIE RUDLE — FEC 2,3; NHS 3,4; SADD 2,3; V-teens 2; Intramural skiing 2-4; band 2,3
 BRENT WILLIAM RUMBA — FEC 4; SADD 4; track manager 2-4; football manager 3,4
 KRISTIN L. RUPP
 PENELOPE ANN RYAN — drama 2; FEC 2-4; V-teens 4 (sec.); cross-country 2; track 2; Intramural volleyball 4
 TRACY J. SARICH



ANDREW DEVERLE SCHOLL — FEC 3; tennis 2-4; intramural tennis 3; intramural basketball 2-4
 TODD VINCENT SCHOLL — FEC 2,3; student council 3,4; tennis 2-4; intramural basketball 2-4; intramural tennis 3
 BARBARA E. SCHULTZ
 ROBERT MATTHEW SCHULTZ
 MARK DAVID SCHWAB — football 2,4; track 3



Students earn recognition

Academic excellence secures high honors



By Gwen Kenney

Practice makes perfect. For this reason, many seniors during their junior year come to the high school to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test.

However, for 10 seniors, the PSAT became more than just practice to improve their SAT scores. These seniors relied on their test scores to earn their positions as National Merit semi-finalists.

To receive such honors, students scored in the top one-half of one percent on the PSAT. Approximately 15,000 semi-finalists throughout the nation tried for 6,000 Merit Scholarships worth \$23 million.

"Whether the finalists get money relies on where they plan on going to school and what they plan to study. But the real honor is in being named as finalists," Mr. Dan Dick, guidance counselor, said.

Among the honorees were: Jim Arnold, son of Nick and Marcia Arnold;

Scott Campbell, son of E. Allen and Elizabeth Campbell; Scott Ellsworth, son of James and Carol Ellsworth; Carl Frey, son of Frederick and Clarice Frey; Stephanie Henriques, daughter of Joseph and Lea Henriques; Heidi Kellogg, daughter of Michael and Nancy Kellogg; Janice Kugler, daughter of Dale and Patricia Kugler; Marc Seeley, son of Gerald and Barbara Seeley; Mike Sorenson, son of John and Norma Sorenson; and Ken Taylor, son of Kenard and Sharon Taylor.

These ten people represented the third largest group of semi-finalists from one high school in Indiana.

To qualify as finalists, the students submitted their academic records, a summary of their community activities and interests, their SAT scores, and teacher recommendations to a national selection committee. The committee then selected the finalists on the basis of this information.

Whether or not the students receive scholarships, the titles of National Merit Semi-Finalist and National Merit Finalist will serve as a permanent mark of accomplishment on their academic records.

NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS: (front row) Jim Arnold, Scott Ellsworth, Carl Frey; (back row) Heidi Kellogg, Scott Campbell, Mike Sorenson, Stephanie Henriques.



KAREN ELIZABETH SCOTT — cheerleading 2,3; FEC 2-4; SADD 2-4 (v. pres.); pep club 2,3
DENNIS JEFFERY SERAMUR — SADD 4; wrestling 2-4
KELLY F. SEROCZYNSKI — FCA 2-4; FEC 3,4; V-teens 4; track 3,4 (capt.); cross-country 3 (capt.)
EDWARD J. SERRANO — wrestling 2; weightlifting 3,4
BILL GEORGE SHORT — DECA 3



IRENE SHUMATE — SADD 4
BARBARA JAYNE SHURR — vikettes 4
SUSAN DIANE SHURR — DECA 2,4; vikettes 3,4
RANI SIER
THOMAS CHARLES SILHAVY — FEC 4; intramural volleyball 2,4; intramural basketball 4; jazz band 3,4; pep band 2,4; studio band 2; German club 4



HEATHER SLEASE
THOMAS RICHARD SMALL — track 2,3; golf 4; intramural basketball 2
DUKE G. SMAROFF — wrestling 2-4
CURTIS LEE SMITH — intramural volleyball 3,4; Games-Master 4
HUGH ALLEN SMITH — FEC 4; German club 4



MICHAEL ALLEN SMITH — soccer 2,4; intramural volleyball 4
STEPHANIE ANN SNIDER — FEC 2,4; YARC 2,3; volleyball 2,4; track 2,4
STEPHEN LYNN SNIDER — track 3,4; football 4
LEESA ANN SNYDER — SADD 4
MIKE JOHN SORENSON — NHS 4; band 2,4; jazz band 2,4; pep band 3,4



KATHERINE LYNN SOVICH — cheerleading 3; FEC 2,4; SADD 2,4; student council 2,4 (treas.)
KIMBERLY SUE SOVICH — class officer 2,4 (treas.); drama 2; FEC 2,4; SADD 2,4; student council 2,4
PETER SPECKHARD — NHS 4; quiz bowl 3,4; Valenian 3,4; tennis 3; intramural tennis 2; German club 4
BOBBIE R. SPENCER
SCOTT RONALD SPRUITENBURG — baseball 3,4; basketball 3,4



SCOTT STACY
CYNTHIA ANNE STANDIFORD — FEC 2; YARC 2,4 (pres.)
JENNIFER JUNE STANIER — drama 4; FEC 2,4; speech 3,4; NHS 3,4; SADD 2; softball 3; girls' state 3
THERESA ANN STEPHENS
CHARLES DOUGLAS STOKES



JENNIFER LOUISE STOUT — FCA 2; FEC 2,4; student council 2,3; gymnastics 2,4; track 2,4
ROB ALLEN STRIKWERDA — drama 2,4; SADD 3,4; football 2; basketball 2; baseball 2,4; intramural basketball 3,4; weightlifting 3,4
ANTHONY STUDENROTH
BRIAN JOSEPH SULLIVAN — NHS 3,4; basketball 2,4
DENNIS J. SULLIVAN

GREGORY THOMAS SULLWOLD — swimming 2
 MARK ALLEN SUNDWALL — baseball 2.4
 MATTHEW ROBERT SUTTER
 JIM J. SVETICH — VICA 4
 KENYA ANN SWISHER — FEC 2.4; NHS 3.4; SADD 3



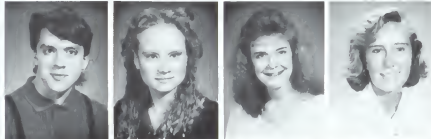
AMY MAUREN TANNER — FEC 2.4; NHS 3.4; SADD 3.4;
 orchestra 2
 CHERYL LYNN TAYLOR — FEC 2.4; SADD 3; YARC 4
 GLENN E. TAYLOR
 KENARD LYLE TAYLOR — FEC 2.3; speech 4; NHS 3.4; math
 team 2.4; student council 2; band 2; academic super bowl
 3.4; quiz bowl 3.4
 JASON FREDERICK TELSCHOW — tennis 2.4; intramural
 basketball 2; band 2.4; studio band 2.4



ALLISON FAITH THIRY — FEC 4; SADD 3
 REBECCA CATHERINE TOBEY — drama 3.4; FEC 2.4
 ANN MARIE TOLAN — FEC 4; NHS 3.4; V-teens 2; YARC
 2.4(pres.)
 KELLY MAUREN TROST — NHS 3.4



WOLFGANG DEMETRIUS TSOUTSOURIS — quiz bowl 3
 KAREN CHRISTINE ULANOWICZ — chair 4
 JEANNINE KAY ULLOM — OEA 4; basketball 3
 LORI BETH UNDERWOOD — FEC 2.4; SADD 2.4; student
 council 2.4; intramural basketball 2.4; intramural tennis
 4



MATT W. UTTERBACK — cross-country 2.4; track 2.4
 DAN G. VACA
 BRIAN SCOTT VALPATIC — diving 3.4
 ROBERT MICHAEL VANDAM

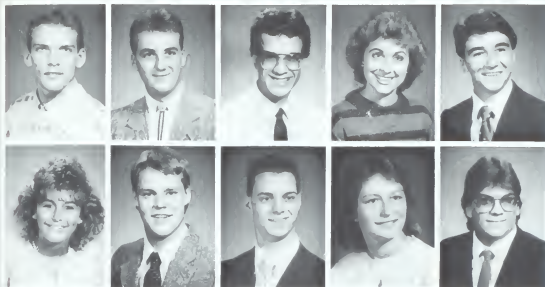


REBECCA LYNN VANDENBURGH — jazz ensemble 4; studio
 band 3.4; pep band 3.4; volleyball manager 2.3
 KIM VANDERWIJST — drama 4; FEC 2.4; SADD 4
 ERIK SCOTT VANDY — SADD 4
 RICK VAUGHAN — FEC 2; football 2.4; intramural basket-
 ball 2; weightlifting 2.4
 PAUL THOMAS VENTURA — FEC 2.4; NHS 3.4; golf 2.4;
 intramural basketball 4; academic super bowl 3.4; German
 club 4(reos.); intramural basketball 4



BRIAN C. VOLK — diving 2.4(capt.); intramural volleyball
 3.4
 LAUREL M. WAGENBLAST — FCA 2.4; FEC 2.3; NHS 3.4; stu-
 dent council 3.4; volleyball 2; intramural volleyball 3.4;
 intramural basketball 4
 PAUL RUSSELL WAINMAN — FCA 3.4; NHS 3.4; SADD 3.4
 baseball 2.4; football 3.4; student council 4
 JILL KATHLEEN WALESH — FEC 2.4; NHS 3.4; V-teens 4; in-
 tramural volleyball 3.4
 MARK L. WALKER — intramural skiing 3





DOUGLAS LEE WALLS — FCA 3,4; football 2-4; baseball 2-4; weightlifting 2-4; intramural basketball 2-4
WILLIAM CHARLES WATSON — FEC 3; intramural volleyball 3,4; Gamesmasters 4
JEROME N. WEILER
CYNTHIA GAIL WELLS — SADD 2; volleyball 3,4
SHAYNE ALLEN WEST — baseball 2; football 2-4; weightlifting 2,3; intramural basketball 2-4

JENNIFER LYNN WILLIAMS — cheerleading 2,3; FEC 2,3
SADD 2,4; V-teens 3; pep club 2,3
SHAWN ROBERT WILLIAMS — SADD 4
STEPHEN WILLIAMS — FEC 3,4; tennis 2; German club 4(v. pres.)
THERESA JOAN WILLIAMS-MAGLISH — FCA 2; SADD 2; basketball 2
PATRICK THOMAS WOODRUFF — intramural volleyball 3; Gamesmasters 4



Winning the GPA game Kellogg, Marshall rank at top

By Alex Copeland

Playing the grade point average (G.P.A.) game is like any other sport: one must possess skill, endurance, and strategy.

The winning strategists in this year's G.P.A. game were valedictorian Heidi Kellogg, with a 4.318, and salutatorian Anne Marie Marshall, with a 4.275, from a class of 454.

Kellogg cited taking honors and elective courses as key factors in boosting her G.P.A. Her system helped

her take first place among her classmates.

The top two graduates expressed high expectations for their futures. Marshall plans to major in pharmacy at Butler University, while Kellogg will work towards a certification in mathematics education from Cederville College in Ohio.

The valedictorian and salutatorian also involved themselves in numerous extra-curricular activities. Marshall was a member of the National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon, Academic Superbowl, and the Foreign Exchange Club, as well as 4H. Kellogg participated in the Foreign Exchange Club, Math Team, National Honor Soci-

ety, track, and softball.

Academic excellence was top priority for 19 other students in the Class of 1988, who earned a 4.0 or better. They included Kenard Taylor III, 4.253; Lora Maier, 4.250; Mike Sorensen, 4.253; Amy Baker, 4.238; Sarah Murko, 4.215; Meghan Martin, 4.190; Chris Eichberger, 4.180; and Chris Alles, 4.150.

Also wearing gold tassels at graduation ceremony June 5 were Carl Frey, 4.147; Jen Curs, 4.143; Sarah Johnson, 4.122; Jenny Stonier, 4.122; Marla Ruble, 4.113; Heidi Klier, 4.103; Brian Sullivan, 4.082; Jim Arnold, 4.079; Marc Hamacher, 4.077; William Harrison, 4.049; and Laurie Bell, 4.0

ACADEMICS PAY OFF for Salutatorian Anne Marie Marshall and Valedictorian Heidi Kellogg, who share high aspirations for college and future careers.



MELODY DAWN WOODYARD — student aide 3
CAROLE MICHELLE WORDEN — drama 2,3; volleyball 2,4
FLOYD VERNON WORLINE — football 2,3; weightlifting 2,3
JENNY ANNE WRIGHT — drama 2,4; SADD 2,3
KATHERINE DENISE WRIGHT — FEC 3; SADD 4; volleyball 2,4

KIMBERLY ANN WRIGHT — class officer 3(sec.); DECA 3(treas.); FCA 2; FEC 4; SADD 3,4; student council 3,4; tennis 2,4; V-teens 4
CHRISTINE LYNN YATES — DECA 2
JONATHAN FRANCIS YOUNG — FEC 2,4; SADD 4; academic decathlon 4; Latin club 2,3; German club 4
TODD ALLEN YOUNG — football 2; wrestling 3
TRACI LYNN ZOLADZ — FCA 2; FEC 2,4; student council 3,4(sec.); gymnastics 2; track 2; volleyball 2-4

Broadening their horizons

Officers increase their responsibilities

By Gwen Kenney

Student officer positions for some may have been a dream carefully planned and sought after throughout high school. For others, a position in student government may even be an attempt to right the wrongs of the world.

Two officers, however, did not have such noble beginnings. "Last year in chemistry, Vesno (Unukolo, Junior Class President) and I decided it would be fun to run together," Junior Class Vice-President Dave Pingatore said.

Pingatore had other motives for running as well. "I didn't get to do anything (as a sophomore class officer), and I thought I was responsible," Pingatore said.

Junior Class Treasurer Kristy Heger, another returning officer, also noted a major difference between sophomore and junior class officers. "As sophomores we had no responsibility. I ran again because I wanted to have a say in everything, especially Prom," Heger said.

One new face among class officers was President Vesno Unukolo. "I

thought it would be a challenge, and I knew if I won I'd get involved," she said.

Some juniors, however, showed less enthusiasm and interest. "Some juniors seem to want everything done for them and don't get very involved," Heger said.

Lack of student involvement took its toll on class activities and weakened class spirit. "After everything's done then some of them say they didn't like this or that, but they weren't around to help and offer ideas when we needed them," Heger said.

Officers tried to explain this indifference among juniors. "I don't think the junior class is very close as a whole, and they don't work together well, but they do have a lot of potential," Unukolo said.

The problem is that they tend to spread themselves too thin between too many different activities. Everyone benefits more if you stress only one or two things. More gets done that way," she continued.

Of course, class officers did not plan

Prom and the computer dating service, the class' major fundraiser, on their own. Student Council committees pitched in, and even students from other schools offered suggestions.

"We attended the Porter County Leadership Conference and traded ideas with kids from other schools. It gave us some good ideas," Pingatore said.

Faculty members also gave their support. "Last year we didn't have any real advisers. This year, Mrs. Yelton and Mrs. Fiegle-Hicks supported us and deserve a lot of the credit," Pingatore said.

Student government officers did their best to unify the junior class through class activities, fundraisers, and teamwork.

Although students' motives for joining student government varied, the junior class and its officers together achieved the desired outcome.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS — Front Row: Naomi Miller, secretary; Kristy Heger, treasurer. Back Row: Dave Pingatore, vice president; Vesno Unukolo, president.



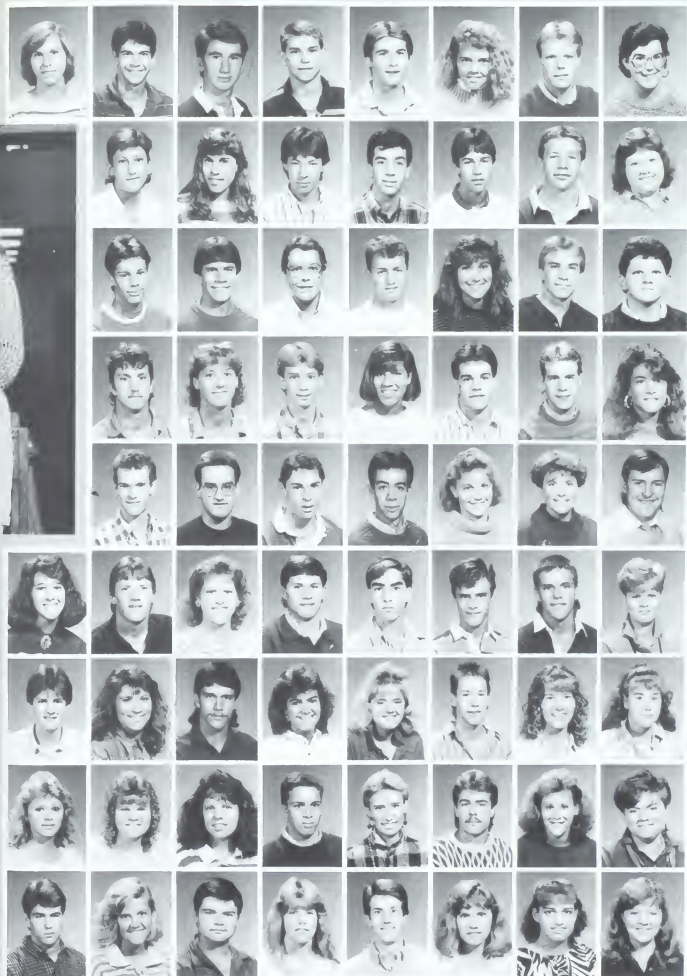
Jennifer Ailes
Torik Albert
Nathaniel Allen
Beth Amelung
Marybelle Ang
Lisa Arnold
Richard Aytes
Cathy Bach

Amie Calleen Baker
Angela Michelle Ball
Sam Barnes
Chris Bass
Stephanie Bauer
Connie Bauswell
Jack Beaudoin
Ronald Bednarek

Rob Behrend
Sarah Bernard
Dan Berjermann
David Biggs
Sondi Biggs
Brian Blakley
Tracy Blasingame
Tamara Blamberg

Scott Bogan
Jeff Bowgren
Chris Bradley
Andrew Bray
Shawn Brennan
Mark Briggs
Patti Brasky
Lisa Braton





Brendo Brown
Jeff Brown
John Brown
Paul Brown
Scott Brown
Susan Brown
William David Brown
Loro Bruce

Brady Bryon
Denise Bubik
William Butterfield
James Calzavara
Mort Corlin
Jeff Corlison
Rebecca Carpenter

Jason Carris
Scott Casbon
David Castlemon
Richard Choate
Pamela Clark
Todd Clark
Tam Cae

James Cale
Jennifer Cale
David Comelard
Melliso Conde
Dick Condon
Mike Connors
Christine Carns

Chris Craig
Danny Cnecvic
Mike Crawley
Pete Cunningham
Sondy Czekaj
Julie Dabrowski
Mike Daniels

Amy Lynn Davis
Brian Davis
Carrle Davis
Eric Deal
Tom Dean
John DeMon
Timothy DeMan
Jenny DeMick

Steve Denby
Tricia Dennis
Raymond DePalmo
Tiffany Deir
Danna Deu
Aron Deutsch
Christionne Dick
Toro Dick

Jennifer Dillin
Nancy Dombrowski
Susan Dougherty
Charles Douglas
Tani Douthitt
E. Scott Drake
Kathleen Ducar
Deanna Duncon

Joan Dunivan
Ginger Dusek
Jason Dust
Tammy Dyniewski
Jeff Earl
Kristina Edwards
Kathy Engel
Lori Erspamer

Van Evanoff
David Evans
Jeff Faber
Suzi Farnum
A.J. Fatare
Patrick Feaster
Amy Ja Fengren
Gretchen Fiest



Tara Fifield
Jeff Fisher
Calleen Flary
Bill Flude
Jeff Frailey
Jim Frazier
Daniel Frederick
Carmen Fulge



Bob Fuller
Joe Furlin
Andra Galassa
Chris Garner
Mike Gast
Thomas Gast
Melinda Gerber
Rabinette Giesler



Lola Girgis
Angela Ginn
Rusty Goodwin
Brett Garby
Debi Graham
Chad Greinke
Jash Grube
Ginger Gudino



Kristy Hager
Nathan Hahn
Buster Halcomb
Kristine Hall
Chris Homrick
Steve Hanchar
Matt Hanner
Laura Hanson



Mark Harlig
Ames Hazlett
David Bruce Healy
Curtis Hedges
Lisa Henderson
Jeanette Hicks
Beth Hill
Marguerite Hill



Heather Hoffman
Tom Hoffman
Scott Hafziezer
Tim Hafziezer
David Halt
Adam Horn
Sharon Howe
Shannon Hropek



John Hurska
Lori Huber
Bryan Hudak
Sean Hudson
Matt Humes
Brad Humes
Lorraine Iliff
Meiri Ingram



Eric Jokel
Tami Janda
Ken Jankowski
Matthew Jankowski
Michael Jensen
Christina Johnson
Terry Johnson
Jeffery Johnstan



Semi annual traumatic event

Students experience the horror of finals



By Gwen Kenney

Watching a friend eat a hot fudge sundae while one is on a diet, baby-sitting one's little brother the night of a dance, and taking finals — all three are examples of torture, but the last points a vivid picture of horror in the minds of most students.

"I hate them. All they do is cause stress," junior Mindy Gerber said.

Same juniors had a more defined viewpoint with regard to finals. "They (finals) are a worthless waste of my time," junior Allison Smith said.

Although students generally failed to see the purpose of finals, English teacher Diane Maryl did not. "Finals definitely serve purposes. Knowing there is a final makes students study harder because they know they will be held responsible. They are also practical. In college, there are some courses where the entire grade is de-

termined by one test."

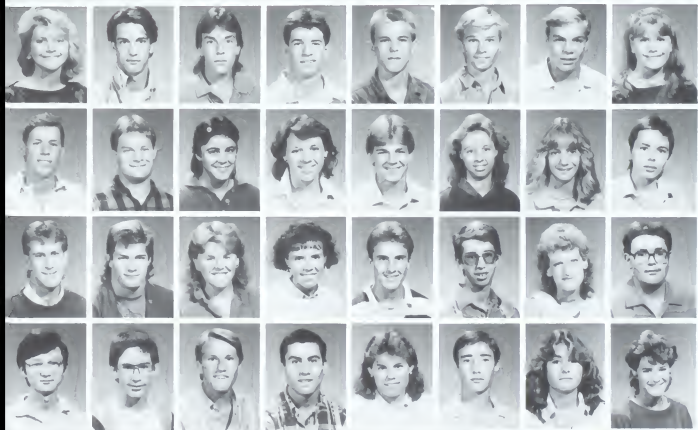
Of course, most juniors did not hate finals themselves but rather studying for them. They also felt studying took a great deal of time and had to begin long before the actual test. "If you wait until the last minute to cram, it's not going to help," junior Jeanette Hicks said.

Junior Mary Pat Sullivan agreed that cramming was useless. "If you don't know it by that time, you won't learn," she said.

Others, however, felt cramming could prove effective in some cases. "(Cramming) can help some, but it depends on how much you know before you start," Gerber said.

Juniors found that no matter how much students studied or how confident they felt entering the classroom actually taking the exam often proved to be a dreadful experience. With heart pounding and mind spinning, the student was forced to take the test that would decide the value of his hours of work and worry in only 75 minutes.

ONE WEEK AFTER first semester's final exams, junior Sonya Nemcek receives her report card from Mrs. Ruth Forney during homeroom.



Christo Jones
Frederic Jung
Michael Kaluzny
Keith Komonraty
Chris Konagy
Nori Keommerer
Tim Kehrer
Gwen Kenney

Chris Kerns
Joe Kimmerer
Michelle Kirk
Julie Kissinger
Jeffrey Klein
Jennifer Klein
Becky Klinedinst
Don Klinefelter

Matt Kolar
Brian Kortko
Berth Kozlowski
Kari Kozatz
Jason Krieger
Randy Krueger
Dion Kuehl
John Kuehl

Jeffrey Kwak
Michael Landry
Glen Londstrom
John Longino
Mary Larson
Don Louer
Michele Lawson
Jennifer Lewis

Kim Lewis
Deno Lindsley
Pete Lipporato
Kelli Lippens
Daniel Litt
Richard Scott Lomas
Jon Dustin Lott
Becky Luckert



Mike Lyons
Marie Macapagal
Jason Machiela
John Robert Mahoney
Cliff Malings
Robert Mansavage
Brian Manel
David Maples



Carrie Marian
Steve Marquez
April Marshall
Charles Vernon Martin
Daniel Martin
Kerrie Martin
David Moritz
Andrea Mothes



Kristen McClanahan
Michele McCuddy
Jeff McDermott
Stephen McDonald
Ronald Scott McDowell
Mario McGill
Dan McCucklin
Kelly McLone



A spectrum of religious beliefs

Juniors have varied opinions on faith

By Scott Maesch

"Yes friends, believe! Believe in Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Believe that he died for our sins, sacrificed his very life for us! Friends open your heart and give to Jesus. Send your money to me for the glory of God in the highest at . . ."

Popular television evangelists make and spend millions of dollars every year preaching sermons like the one above, trying to spread their views of Christianity to the American public. The junior class, however, held more individual opinions on religion.

Religious preferences among juniors represented a wide range of philosophies which included Free Evangelical, Methodist, Jewish, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, and Disciples of Christ. While students believed in a wide variety of religions, the majority did belong to a denomination of

some sort. The general consensus held that religion was of some importance in the lives of junior class members.

"I feel that everyone needs some sort of religious identity. We all need to belong and associate with people that believe the same way we do. Belonging to a specific denomination gives people much more stability," another junior said.

"Religion is a big part of my life. I believe in God and read my Bible and pray. I feel my life has improved since I started doing these things," one junior said.

Most juniors attended their religious services regularly. Very few said they only worshipped on holidays, and even fewer said they never attended.

"My dad's a minister, and I go to a lot of assemblies with him and to his seminary often. I just try to

get in on all the action in my denomination," Chris Craig said.

Most students felt that Valparaisa was predominantly a Lutheran and Catholic society, and these two denominations included more members than any other. Some believed another group with a large membership was, in fact, the group of non-believers, who practiced no religion and attended no services.

"I feel most people in Valpa are either Catholics, Lutherans or have no religion," another junior stated.

Although there were vast differences between the beliefs of the junior class and the television evangelists, they all fell into the melting pot of culture and custom.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST Church Youth Group members play a game of "Scraples" as an activity to determine their morals and values.





Jill McNulty
John Meeker
Theresa Mercoldo
Toni Metzger
Mark Michelsen
Heather Miller
Kim Miller
Kristen Miller

Michael John Miller
Naomi Miller
Tim Miller
Erin Margan
Todd Margan
Bernie Margano
Matthew Morris
Jodie Moser

Sara Mullin
Moses Munoz
Brian Murphy
Martin Tam Murphy
Jeffrey Neal
Brian Nelson
Kara Nelson
Robert Edward Nelson

Sondra Nemcek
Wes Nentles
Allison Netzhammer
Vic Neuffer
Jeff Nevills
Kevin Newell
Hugh Newton
Debrah Nicholas

Dominic Anthony Nataro
Jeanne Nuechtelein
Kent O'Brien
Cristi Olson
Brian Olier
Jennifer Olmsted
Shawn Olson
Heather O'Neil

Andy Osburn
Kenneth Ott
Alvis Pace
Aaron Pochalke
Paul Patten
Tadd Patten

Dalva Paulauskas
Jim Pedavoli
Darren Pedersen
Jamie Pekorek
Megan Pera
Dauglas Perry

Lisa Phillips
David Pingatore
Jody Pishkur
John Pitt
Carolyn Polewski
Down Powers

Michael Todd Price
Kelly Pritchett
Scott Proud
Todd Pullara
Candy Pullins
Timothy Ragsdale

Matt Reardon
Amy Reavis
Brian Reichert
Karen Reynolds
Matt Rhodes
Ginger Rice
Darcy Richart
Anthony Rickman



Larkin Riley
Paula Riley
Angela Robinson
Robert Brian Rosinski
Mark Rothacker
Jennifer Rauch
Randy Rucker
Dana Rupnaw



Paul Sarafin
Phillip Eric Sauer
Ashesh Savla
Laura Scherschel
Troy Schlyer
Erica Schultz
Brandy Serana
Dawn Shalapsik



Stacey Shearhod
Larry Sheets
Carl Shurt
Kristen Sievers
Sean Sievin
David Sitzenstock
Allison Smith
Kim Smith



Kim Soliday
Kirsten Soliday
Frank Sponagoulas
Chris Spiewski
Steve Sperry
Lynn Stacy
Jeff Stanczak
Sean Leonard Steele



Derek Stout
Robin Lynn Stout
Jill Srogiulidis
Bill Strong
Mary Pat Sullivan
Daniel Swenson
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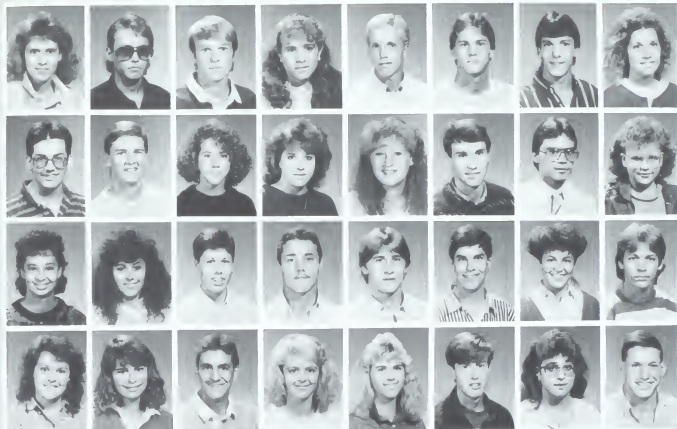


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Dina Tittle
Danielle Tadasjevic
Dan Talsan
Jodi Tamlinson
Aaron Treble
Mike Trisick



John Traup
Kimberly Diman Turner
Karen Ulm
James Ullman
Vesna Urudala
Daniel VanCleave
Tara VanDam
Tami Vanderwijst





Kelly VanRosendale
Aron Vedape
Marc Vendi
Paula Jo Venz
Dorell Viraux
Christopher Wainman
James Walsh
Whitney Ward

Roger Weideman
Thomas Joseph Wendt
Rachel West
Michele Westphal
Jamie Shondell Wever
Matt Whiting
Chris White
Hillary White

Cindy Whitel
Tracy Whitton
Robert Wilbern
David Williams
James Williams
Ron Williams
Stacey Williams
John Wilson

Alisa Marie Wine
Starr Witherspoon
Brian Witt
Lara Woods
Lara Worline
Tim Young
Cathy Zackiewicz
Mark Ziegert

Fridays combine work and play

Dances, parties, part-time jobs cap off the school week



By Alex Copeland

School wouldn't be school without academics, but what students do after the 2:30 bell also constitutes a major part of the high school tradition. Friday nights signified on escape from weekday worries and pressures, while students searched for relaxing ways to pass the time.

Junior Stephanie Bower mentioned some favorite pastimes. "Sometimes I'll go to the movies, go to a friend's house and spend the night, go to games, or go to the mall — it just depends." According to Rich Aytes, bowling alleys are a popular weekend spot for juniors.

"I like to go to parties or just go out with some friends," junior Andy Osburn said. In any case, ju-

AFTER GAMES AND sashays, students frequently went to Burger King to relax and socialize. Junior Jodi Tamlinson enjoys her Friday evening with friends.

niors enjoyed a wide variety of activities, as long as the involved time spent with friends.

Busy schedules prevented some juniors from socializing with the rest of their peers. "I usually have to work at Jay's, but sometimes I just hang out at Azar's," junior Scott McDowell said.

Tim Rogsdole, however, didn't find his limited spare time to be a problem. "I just work on Fridays. There's not much to do in town anyway," he said.

School sponsored events also provided students with weekend entertainment. "Sometimes I'll go to football or basketball," junior Bob Nelson said.

Wherever the time, wherever the place, students relied on weekends to get away from tough exams and lengthy term papers. Social activity, it seems, is as much a part of growing up as is academic excellence.

A need for student involvement

Sophomores struggle to find their place in activities

By Scott Maesch

Competition among athletes can be fierce with a large number of students vying for top positions. Members of the sophomore class, like competitive athletes, felt the same pressure to perform in extracurricular activities.

Sophomores recently stepped up from their place at the bottom of the ladder, having made good impressions as freshmen. They continued, however, to struggle for recognition, desperate for a place of their own in the student body.

Sports, special-interest clubs, and academics provided an opportunity for active participation, though some students preferred not to get involved and chase social events over school-sponsored activities.

"I have tried to be involved in this school's activities in more

than one way. I chose to do this through Student Council and athletics," Chuck Williams, sophomore class vice-president, said.

Class officers found it surprisingly easy to communicate ideas during council meetings. Members attributed the relaxed atmosphere to their experiences with Student Council and its members over the past year.

Sophomore Class President Alex Capeland admitted that some people felt a certain amount of pressure, limiting the advancement of the council's activities.

"A lot of people in the council feel pressure and because of this they are just in a hurry to leave," Capeland said.

Capeland felt the officers had a lot of responsibility. In addition to attending bi-weekly meetings, one of the officers had to attend Student Faculty Senate meetings.

These meetings were attended by a member of each club and a class representative.

"In Student Faculty Senate I have a chance to speak on issues such as whether or not P.E. should count on the grade point average," Capeland said.

He also stated that same Student Council members don't take their positions seriously. "How can someone take a position seriously if there is no power in the position?" Capeland asked.

Just as athletes strive for recognition, the sophomore class searched for individuality among the overwhelming masses. Student government established sophomore leaders to help the class make its way to the top.

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS — Front Row: Julie Swartz, treasurer; Kelly Smith, secretary. Back Row: Alex Capeland, president; Chuck Williams, vice-president.



Alexis Abbott
Steve Abel
Keisha Adams
Pam Aicher
Jim Alles
Tanya Albrecht
Christine Allis
Christina Anderson

Stacy Anselm
Mark Antrim
Angelo Ard
Laura Renee Andri
Cheryl Astralages
Joneen Ault
Jennifer Austin
Mary Ayoub

Steve Baker
Steve Bell
Patti Bernard
Greg Barnes
Todd Bauer
Tabby Beach
Chad Beesley
Nicole Beeson

Phil Belegall
Christine Bell
Don Bergman
Karl Bergstrom
Colleen Bernardi
Keith Dickens
Gail Diedran
Michele Blackwell





Judy Blanton
Chris Blum
Thomas Bochenek
Shannon Bohanek
Amy Bonifas
Jennifer Bowden
Tray Bowley
Jeff Bramlett

Peter Brandy
Christie Brant
Billie Brooks
Doug Browns
Dusty Brown
Kary Brown
Jeff Bruder

Jack Bryant
Debbie Buhman
Brian Burge
Patrick Burns
Carrie Burrell
Kristin Campbell
Eric Carlberg

Nancy Carmano
Timothy Carroll
Brenda Carter
Heather Casner
Robert Cavanaugh
Robert Cavanaugh
Amie Charlson

Candy Calik
Chris Clifford
Ashley Cochran
Chris Collins
Traci Collins
Mark Connors
Kandel Coolman

Kim Coolman
Alex Capeland
Craig Cornell
Gene Cornell
Carole Carman
Christopher Carrilli
Lisa Gazzo
Jennifer Craig

Amy Crawford
Jovan Gncevic
Tiffin Crowder
Marc Crownaver
Andy Curtis
Tamara Cutler
Carrie Dallano
Jason Dalke

Chris Davis
Daniel Davis
Dan Davis
Douglas Daye
Shannon Deal
Timothy Dean
Bill Decker
Cqsuela Delumpa

Jennifer Demass
Ronald Demass
Michael Demkovic
Kim Dennington
Rebecca Depaister
Harry Dillon
Edward Dixon

Michael Dixon
Mike Doolittle
Richard Douglas
Matthew Douthan
Barbara Downey
Greg Dudzienski
Jessica Dunn
Tom Edwards



Sara Ehlers
James Ehtenberg
Sandi Eisenmenger
Christine Ellis
Laura Ellsworth
Heather Engel
Jason Epple



Don Evans
Ivy Fanning
Heather Ferguson
Julie Finley
Emmett Sean Fitzgerald
Michael Fleming
Amy Fletcher



Kristen Fallis
Christian Freitag
Leslee Fritz
Chris Funk
Lauretta Furlin
Scott Galey
Todd Gozdich



Christopher George
Jan Gertsmeier
Tod Gelmore
Thomas Gomersall
Jeff Gott
Sanya Gott
Melanie Groark



Jodi Gudina
Bruce Guilaum
Andrea Hackett
Noah Hahn
Michelle Hahn
Rob Hanes
Mark Hanner



Mike Hardesty
Matt Hardwick
Neill Harrington
Matt Harris
Lisa Hart
Craig Hartman
Shannon Haugh



Tiffany Hawkins
Rob Heimberg
Eric Helton
Scott Herma
Jeffrey Hess
Shelley Hickman
Ashlee Highland
Jennifer Hill



Ryan Hill
William Hollen
Michele Howard
Jeni Hrabota
Jodi Humes
Tracey Janasiok
Brent Johnson
Brian Johnson





Kathy Johnson
Sean Johnson
Calleen Johnston
Amanda Jones
Michael Jones
Christine Juras
Jeff Kalerh
Kathy Kelly

Say good-bye Superman

Heroes losing their popularity

By Gwen Kenney

Bursting out of his phone booth, Superman leaps into the air in search of his arch-rival, Lex Luthor. The Man of Steel is determined to rid the world of Luthor's dastardly deeds forever.

Luthor, however, arms himself with life-threatening kryptonite and renders Superman helpless, as millions of children gasp or the prospect of their hero's demise.

Despite such treacherous situations, Superman always managed to triumph over the bad guys, leaving his followers with a strong sense of good and evil. Children slept soundly, knowing their superhero would conquer all evil.

Such is the scenario most picture when speaking of heroes and role models. However, some sophomores have turned away from role models as a way of identifying themselves. "I don't have any he-

roes because we are all equal," sophomore Leslee Fritz said.

Thor wasn't Fritz's only reason for disliking role models. "You can't rely on other people in that way because they'll just disappoint you," Fritz said.

Sophomore Atheno Popochronis acknowledged those feelings but didn't rule out all types of heroes. "Real people are too easy to shoot down. Fictitious people, however, can be put on a pedestal. Because they don't have real feelings or ideas, they can't disappoint you," Popochronis said.

Fritz had a different opinion on the idolized hero. "If a fictitious role model has your strengths but not your weaknesses and they are essentially the image of your good self, there really is no reason to have role models," Fritz said.

Some sophomores felt that although having no role models was wrong, using fictional characters was not the answer. "It is better to have a role model who is real because then you can see their

weaknesses and know they are human. After all, things that are too perfect are not real to me," sophomore Katie Park said.

Sophomore Jenny Payne believes role models are important, but within reason. "There are people that I know well that I respect and look up to. But having one you don't know personally is not right," Payne said.

Although opinions about what makes a good role model varied, the general attitude was one of indifference. "Why do people need a role model? Why can't they be themselves?" Fritz asked.

The future does not look bright for Superman and Lex Luthor. In fact, their die-hard fans now yawn and search for a new channel or for a new facet for their own personalities. The Man of Steel is quickly losing followers as students begin to see the All-American idol in themselves.

EXPRESSIONS THEMSELVES BY decorating their lockers, sophomores Julie Kabe and Tanya Albrechts search for their books for the next class.



David Keisley
Tara Kiernan
James King
Matthew King
David Kinsey
Janet Kissinger
Randall Knoche
Steven Knoche



Julie Kabe
Jackie Kasanek
Dan Kazdowski
Kamil Kroatz
Leslie Krayniak
Tanya Kuhlmeier
Laurie Kush
Aaron Lackey

Dominic Lacopa
Dawn Landry
Cindy Langwell
Caryn Langua
Charlotte Laterza
Jennifer Lee
Elin Lepp
John Leihen



Erika Levi
Lisa Libossi
Marguerite Lintner
Chris Lavall
Cara Ludington
William Lukrafka
Mike Machiela
Scott Moesch



Jill Mansavage
Sheri Lynn Maples
Robert Markette
Jennifer Markley
Richard Marrell
Jael Martin
Mary Mathews
Brenda Maul



Donald McCleod
Matthew McGuinn
Sheri McCakeli
Morney McKean
Amiee McKuhan
Mike McLinn
Matt Milanowski
Jarett Millar



Questions about life Sophomores interpret existence

By Alex Capeland

Since man first walked the face of the earth, he has pondered the meaning of life. Students have also speculated upon life's significance. Many students, however, feel their minds are not capable of comprehending the philosophy of our being.

In contrast, some think they can offer a reason for their existence. Sophomore Clay Patton believes, "To have the most fun possible without getting caught is life's meaning."

Laura Ellsworth, also a sophomore, offered a more general explanation, saying, "The meaning of life is anything you interpret it to mean."

Several students believe the meaning of life can be summed up in a single person. Jason Roach commented, "Don Jovi is my life. Don Jovi means life. Jon speaks to me in his music. Jon Bon Jovi will

rule forever."

Jen Mutka and Jen Warstell, also dedicated music fans, think the reason for human existence is found in Robert Smith, lead singer of The Cure.

Other students and faculty members think that life's purpose can be expressed with ideas, rather than tangible objects. "The meaning of life is success," sophomore John Leihen said.

Taking a more altruistic attitude, Chuck Williams said, "To make Mrs. Lebryk happy in the library - that is the meaning of life."

Mork Hoffman, head football coach, views the meaning of life as "... the establishment of priorities; God, family, school, and learning to live within those means."

Wesley Moiers, math teacher, plugged his specialty by stating that the meaning of life is simply, "Geometry."

Vice Principal Janice Bergeson

offered another one-word reply, precise and to the point, she cited "Existence" as the reason for our being.

Brian Peshel took the question rather literally and said, "The meaning of life" is a movie by Monty Python.

As rebellion is reportedly a part of a normal teenager's life, Brad Schockli stated, "The meaning of life is to rebel and be yourself."

Opinions may vary, and the reason for being will surely be discussed for eons to come. Many believe no one can comprehend life's actual meaning until one can experience life from an objective viewpoint. Of course, the real meaning of life lies within each individual's interpretation.

STRIKING A POSE immortalized by Rodin's "The Thinker," sophomore Jason Roach contemplates life's meaning. Students' interpretations of life were as varied as their individual personalities.





Jason Miller
Joel Miller
John Mitchell
Glaria Moody
Jamilyn Mooney
Heather Moore
Missy Moore
Stacy Lyn Moran

Daniel Morrison
Benjamin Mortensen
Brandi Moser
Joe Mowbray
Matthew Murphy
Jennifer Murko
Tiffany Myers
Nitho Ngubodi

Jill Nollieux
Todd Newsum
Chad Nightingale
Suzi Norris
Chad Nykiel
Sherry Obermeyer
Hilly Oeding
Chris Oluvic

Gregory Ormon
Sean Omer
Jennifer Paatberg
Gina Pampalone
Athene Papachronis
Kathryn Elaine park
Sondeep Pathok
Clay Patton

Jenny Payne
Danyo Perkins
Sandy Perrine
Brian Peshel
Scott Percu
Stephany Peters
Wanda Petersen

Nicki Peugeot
Julie Pfeeger
Jennifer Piekarczyk
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Mike Powell

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Mike Quornstram
Jonathon Ragsdale
Christopher Rondall
Brian Redor
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Bob Resh
Dan Reynolds
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Daniel Mark Rigg
Kyle Rizzo
Jason Roach

Sean Roach
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Mark Robinson
Janine Rose
John Roseberry
Teresa Rucker

Derek Sandberg
Stacy Sattler
Bradley Schacki
Karhleen Schenck
Kellie Schmidt



Brain Schneckeburger
Amy Schroeder
James Schulte
Brian Schwartz
Brad Schwinkendorf



Mike Scime
Brodie Alan Selman
Tanya Senne
Leslie Serczynski
Eric Shirey



James Shupe
Jami Sier
Stephanie Sievers
Bryan Siewin
Mike Silhavy



Gwen Simpson
Tanya Simpson
Matt Sinclair
Amy Smith
Keith Smith
Kelly Smith
Kerrie Smith
Leah Smith



Jason Soliday
Joseph Speckhard
Helene Spencer
Jahn Brad Spencer
Becky Stonier
Laura Stanier
Michael Steff
Shannon Steinke



Jennifer Stevens
Scott Stevens
Hannah Strih
Angela Strakosbury
Kevin Staut
Matthew Staut
Audra Struble
Calleen Sullivan



Maureen Sullivan
Julie Swartz
Walter Szymanski
Patrick Talley
Kim Tapp
Aaron Taylor
Jason Taylor
Craig Thomas



Eric Thompson
Ellyn Tolan
Craig Tamerlin
Shannon Trawinski
Susan Truth
Danny Tursman
Kara Uriss



Overly crowded hallways

Students manage to survive

By Alex Capeland

"Travel time from B112 to C218 is three minutes. In the Westbound hall, prepare for a four-minute walk. From Lecture A to A101, traffic has slowed to a standstill due to a three VCR pile-up outside the Learning Center Workroom."

Imagine a hallway traffic report, spoken over the loudspeaker prior to every passing period, warning students of congested areas and possible detours. Such a system may soon be necessary, according

to some students who need a little help making their way through the crowds.

Students learned that getting from place to place was no simple task. "The hallways are really crowded now. Last year it didn't seem as bad. It's really crowded, though, especially in the main hall downstairs," Dan Daslawski, sophomore, said.

Sophomore Matt Harris agreed, saying, "Everybody walks so slowly, if I take some time to talk to someone, I'll be late for class."

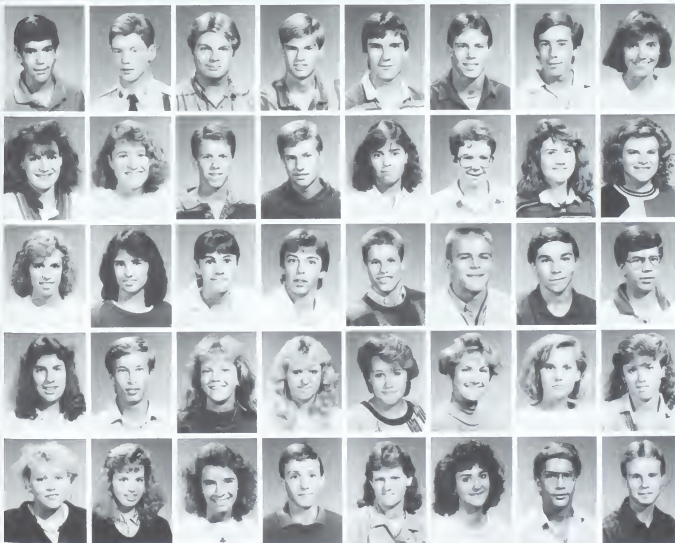
For many, passing period activities have dwindled to simply getting from class to class. Friendly

chats with friends and rest room breaks have nearly been eliminated, leaving more time for the necessities.

"My five minutes between classes consists of going to my locker and getting to my next class, and sometimes I'm even late because people go so slow," sophomore Dan Davis said.

Though hallways gridlock may continue, students will adapt by devising their own shortcuts and detours. For the time being, however, bad weather and roadblocks seem to be the only difference between main hallways and the Dan Ryan Expressway.

CROWDED, CHAOTIC HALLWAYS troubled students and made getting to class difficult within the five-minute passing period for some corridor travelers.



Eddie Vahary
James Vajda
Christopher Vale
John Vandy
Christopher Vangel
Aaron Vaughn
Dave Vend
Melissa Vaigt

Meredith Valler
Deborah Walsh
Dick Wardrop
Tony Wosemann
Valeri Joy Wosemann
Scott Watson
Kelly Watt
Amy Welland

Rachel Werner
Samantha Wholen
Tammy Whiteside
John Whitten
David Wiedder
Chuck Williams
Rodney Williams
James Wilson

Jennifer Wilson
Scott Wilson
Jennifer Withrow
Selina Woodruff
Aml Woods
Katherine Workman
Jennifer Worstall
Kim Worthing

Jami Wykoff
Cindy Yates
Susan Yelkovic
James William Yocum
Sarah York
Stacy Yuriga
Paul Justin Zale
Jeff Zradlowski

Frosh avoid the rough

Newcomers sidestep problems

By Scott Maesch

Changing times take their toll from day to day, season to season, century to century. Mountains crumble, new peaks arise. Species become extinct, new races evolve. On a smaller scale, freshmen must adapt to a new environment when entering high school for the first time.

Moving up from junior high necessitates a drastic change in attitudes and behavior. Faced with an entirely new situation, freshmen must rise to the challenge and attempt to make a new first impression.

Having been the second group of freshmen to attend the school, the class of 1991 knew what to expect. Former freshmen had prepared them well, cautioning them against unacceptable freshman behavior. Newcomers also realized the higher expectations of the faculty and staff, and forced themselves to adjust.

Simplifying freshman complications even more, faculty members anticipated the needs of students and made an effort to meet them.

Teachers did not lower their expectations but increased the possibility of students' achieving those academic goals.

Last year's freshmen were a bit tentative about joining clubs and organizations. Some felt slightly intimidated and overwhelmed by upperclassmen and, again, were not sure what was in store for them.

Newly-arrived freshmen, on the other hand, actually participated in extra curricular activities and showed enthusiasm and school spirit. Class officers felt participation in school activities would improve students' high school experience.

"I wanted to become more involved in the beginning," Phil Barone, freshman class president, said. "If I didn't start I knew it would be harder later in my school career."

Perhaps the most common misconception about freshmen is the endless taunting they suffer at the hands of upperclassmen. Current freshmen, however, didn't see a great deal of aggravation.

"The people that get picked on are the ones who don't stand up for themselves and just let people walk all over them," Mike Sullivan, freshman class vice-president, said.

Officers hoped to be well received by upperclassmen in top positions, particularly those of Student Council.

"We feel our ideas will be accepted as well as any others suggested during the course of a meeting," Marcia Maniak, class secretary, said.

Eager to become a significant part of the student body, freshman officers expressed a wish to be taken seriously and demanded a say in school policy. They also felt their time was being put to good use in activities such as the Christmas food drive.

While weaker species may die off, this freshman class's resilience and optimistic attitudes will help it continue to thrive.

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS: Phil Barone, president; Deanna Alkinski, treasurer; Mike Sullivan, vice-president; Marcia Maniak, secretary.



Daniel Aaron
Gaya Abey
Deanne Alkinski
Cathy Albrecht
Phillip Anderson
Nancy Antevski
Sue Ann Armstrong
Eric Baim

Mike Baker
Phillip Barone
Dennis Bartelmo
Candace Beach
Michael Beaudoin
Dawn Belle
Ryan Bennington
Jenny Bentley

Mark Blackmon
Burnie Blackmon
Ronald Block
Cheryl Blomberg
Amy Bovy
Brent Bowgren
Monica Bowman
Rebecca Boyd





Beth Brileich
Jennifer Brown
Debbie Buck
Maria Burnison
Rennie Burton
Radney Campbell

Stacy Carnahan
April Carlson
Todd Casbon
Krista Castleman
Mike Costa
Chad Cerdia

Jeremy Charnetzky
Caryn Chester
Amy Chrusiowski
Dan Clark
Irene Clark
Suzanne Clark

Jeff Claussen
Julie Cale
Ilion Calaza-Rasaria
Jennifer Cannar
Shane Carcaraan
Kenny Carrell

Robert Cans
Dannle Cavington
Eric Cawen
Shawn Cazad
Jana Craig
Richelle Crowe

Cyndi Czilli
Jeremy Dalka
Douglas Dean
Jody Decker
Katherine Denby
Andy Dennin

Dennis DePalma
Mark DeStauriers
Silvya DeStauriers
Eric Dettief
Jim Deu
Richard Dibkey
Becky Diehl
Traci Doan

Collette Douglas
Susanne Douglas
Ken Drever
Jeff Dudzienski
Lisa Duncan
Daniel Duniavan
Jacquie Duval
Brett Dyger

Jackie Eddy
Heidi Edwards
Kyle Ehnman
George Engel
Tabatha England
Christina Eppersan
Jeff Erdelac
Stephanie Etzier

Leslie Fannin
Joyce Fischer
Heather Fitzgerald
Joseph Fletcher
Matthew Flary
David Farunak
Becky Fox
Brian Frolley



Robyn Fritts
Jody Fry
Yuka Funakata
Andy Funk
Michael Galla
Steve Gamblin
Philip Gebhardt
Tina Gengo



Dawn Giesler
Jennifer Gill
Sarah Gleason
Charles Good
Kristin Garder
Kevin Gray
Lisa Grenier
Mike Griffin



Jeffrey Griffiths
Jeff Haggerty
Jennifer Haight
Brian Halberg
Ginger Haley
Carey Hanes
Joseph Harris
Laura Harrison



Chad Hart
Kevin Hart
John Hawkins
Heather Hensel
Michael Herren
Micah Hershman
Kristin Hewlett
Toni Hickey



Christopher Hildebrand
Amy Hill
Eric Hill
Jenny Hahner
Amanda Hopkins
Lori Hornbach
Jeff Hanyak
Sherry Hoskins



Tricia Howe
William Huber
Ryan Hudak
Steven Hurka
Rich Iliff
Emily Jankowski
Suzy Jasnic
Dana Jensen



Austin Johnson
Kim Johnson
Lisa Johnson
Nikki Johnson
Rachel Johnson
Susan Johnson
Susanna Johnson
Andy Jones



Danny Jones
Tony Jordan
Christine Jumper
Tracy Jungjohan
Ryan Justak
Steven Kellogg
Carl Kelly
Robyn Kelsey



Welcome to the big league

Newcomers learn new rules for survival

By Gwen Kenney

Veteran players looked at the new rookies as another annoyance to deal with in addition to the start of a new school year.

But that was last year. Most of the anxieties had disappeared by the beginning of this year because it wasn't a new situation anymore. Although most sophomores, juniors, seniors, and teachers had adjusted to having the freshmen around, the frosh still faced the task of getting used to the upperclassmen.

Unfortunately, some older students tried to make an already challenging situation even more difficult. "I think upperclassmen tend to ignore them (freshmen) like you would a little brother or sister, picking on them when you feel like it," speech teacher Barbara Miller said.

Some luckier freshmen didn't receive any negative vibes. "They don't treat me badly, and I'd much rather be here at the high school," freshman Cecilio Voco said.

One major issue last year was whether the freshmen were "mature" enough to handle being at the high school. "Of course some freshmen should be back in junior high, but then again, there are some upperclassmen who aren't

mature enough for high school either," Miller said.

Freshman Louro Harrison agreed that some upperclassmen were immature. "They make you move out of the way in the halls and yell obscene things out of their cars," Harrison said.

Some frosh received more personal insults. "They always call me an itty bitty freshman," freshman Marcio Maniak said.

Essential taunting and the general attitude toward freshmen took its toll. "With a group of people I'm unfamiliar with I feel uncomfortable," Anjeonette Nobles said.

As a result, ninth-grade social circles included only freshmen, and the class kept to itself. Some felt that dating, however, lent itself to a mixing of the classes. "I think it's better, because we've been going to school with the same people for God knows how long and we need to get outside our class until we can figure out how we really feel about them (our own class)," Maniak said.

Freshmen survived their year of torture with few injuries, aside from the occasional bruised ego. As in the past, they'll return to vent their frustration on next year's unfortunate rookies.



DURING FIFTH-HOUR Biology 1.2, freshmen Suzy Jasnic and Chris McGlothlin perform an experiment with food digestion.

In future labs, Mrs. Karen Hartman's class dissected worms and frogs.



Maira Kennedy
Lillian Ruthi Kennelly
Carrie Kerns
Christina Kickbush
Brian Kissinger
Jessica Klein
Jesse Klemz
Gregg Kabe

Daniel Keith Kahlmeyer
Karin Kankle
Kim Kanrad
Jaison Kaseike
Kevin Knieger
Bart Kuebler
Angela Kueck
Charles Kuehl

Katherine Kueh
Amy Kutarsky
Charles Lomani
Ryan Lauer
Scott Lewis
Linda Lindholm
Chris Linkimer
Chris Lomas



Kurt Lauff
Shannon Magliff
Tara Mahoney
Tracy Matkja
Shawn Malayter
Lisa Maly
Marcia Maniak
Dave Manning

Brown-nosing students

Teachers' pets held in contempt

By Alex Copeland

"Teacher, can I PLEASE grade papers for you? How about cleaning your classroom? Maybe I could shine your shoes?"

Such stereotypical phrases are commonly associated with classroom "brown-nosing." Although many students who are nice to teachers have a naturally friendly disposition, some merely try to pass themselves off as perfect students. The latter group of people is known as teachers' pets, brown-nosers, goody-two-shoes, and several other derogatory names.

Teachers' pets are usually held in contempt by their fellow classmates. Many students believe that brown-nosers are simply trying to better their grades.

Illian Collazo, freshman, remarked, "There's usually at least one brown-noser in a class, and I don't like these people. They get away with almost anything, and the teachers love them."

"Kids that are buddy-buddy with teachers sometimes get better grades than those of us who

don't brown-nose," Collazo continued. "I see this in a lot of my classes."

Freshman J. J. Price added, "People like that just get on your nerves in class, 'cause they're always being so goody-goody."

Many teachers also find brown-nosers to be an annoyance. "They're the kind of people you just put up with," Terry Brendel, English teacher said. Brendel also said that if the students act well enough, a teacher has a hard time distinguishing him or her from a genuinely friendly student.

Lewis Rhinehart, German teacher, appreciates what brown-nosers try to do, in that they make an effort to better themselves. Still, he said he had a problem with these people because they are just putting on an act.

Rhinehart said he allowed no one in his classes better grades for brown-nosing, per se. He does, however, give participation grades based on how frequently students voluntarily add to classroom discussion.

Wesley Maiers, math teacher, said, "Sometimes students confuse being an active, enthusiastic class participant with 'brown-nosing.' The true brown-noser is a fake and really isn't enjoyed by most teachers. Some students use the cover-up of 'I don't want to be a brown-noser' to mask their unwillingness to get involved in class."

Brendel and Rhinehart agreed that getting to know a teacher is not playing teacher's pet but strengthens the student-teacher relationship. In fact, studies have shown that students well-acquainted with their teachers generally receive better grades than those who are not.

Generally speaking, brown-nosing is looked down upon, and being a nice person is held in high esteem.

ALTHOUGH DISPLAYING ONE of the stereotypical traits of "brown-nosing," students in Mrs. Diane Gordon's freshman English class sincerely participate in classroom discussion.



Eric Mariman
Danielle Markette
Ed Matthews
Joe Matunas
Gregory May
Leonard Mayersky
Kevin McBride
Erin McClanahan





Holly McCormick
Maggie McDonald
Chris McClarin
Robert McGough
Tricia McGuckin
Darian McKinney
Mark McMurry
Sandra Medley



Adrianne Meersma
Tony Mendaza
Jason Mikoloff
Ted Milanowski
Kristin Miller
Matt Miller
Scott Miller
Scott Miller



Michael Mitchell
Amy Mayer
Jennifer Mulcahey
Joe Mullin
Shari Mullins
Emily Murphy
Jennie Murphy



Matt Murphy
Jennifer Myers
Kara Myrick
John Jay Nelson
Matt Nelson
Matt Nepso
Jennie Nettles



Dianna Newhard
Owen Newkirk
Ricky Newton
Becky Nicholsan
Christopher Nielsen
Arlanette Nobiles
Jeanette Nolan



Jay O'Brien
Bridget Odum
Cheryl Oelling
Kellie Okan
Brent Olson
Matthew Oma
Jennifer Ortega



Nikki Oswald
Jeanette Palmer
Jennifer Park
Carla Patina
Michalene Paul
Brian Pavich
Lee Perlatat



Cannie Perkins
Steve Perrine
Matthew Perry
Jason Pikula
Jay Pitt
Billy Poff
Shawn Poff



Stacy Parich
Donna Poirreble
Deepa Parri
Melanie Powell
Nathan Prahlaw
John Joseph Price
Mae Prill
Christian Randolph

Chad Reid
Nicole Reid
Sean Reynolds
Melissa Riley
Thomas Riley
Curtis Robinson
Joey Randa
Wayne Raor



June Rauch
Elizabeth Rawden
Richard Ruble
Kim Rucker
Menill Ruggerber
Ryan Sandberg
Michelle Saxe
Jeff Schroeder



Ricky Schultz
Ronald Scott
Shannon Seifert
Brandi Selmon
America Sementa
Kris Serles
Steve Serrano
Nicole Shoffer



Kristin Sherwood
Michael Shopp
Angel Shupe
Lisa Simac
Tony Smith
Julie Ann Sorenson
Chad Sonick
Dennis Sowers



Edward Spanopoulos
Kim Spejewski
Bambi Spencer
Gene Spencer
Matt Spies
Matthew Stonzak



Erick Storesino
Thomas Steere
Jayce Stever
Elisabeth Stingely
April Stoney
John Strolnic



Marc Stratman
Jeff Stuft
Amy Strungell
Kathleen Sullivan
Mike Sullivan
Brenda Swartz

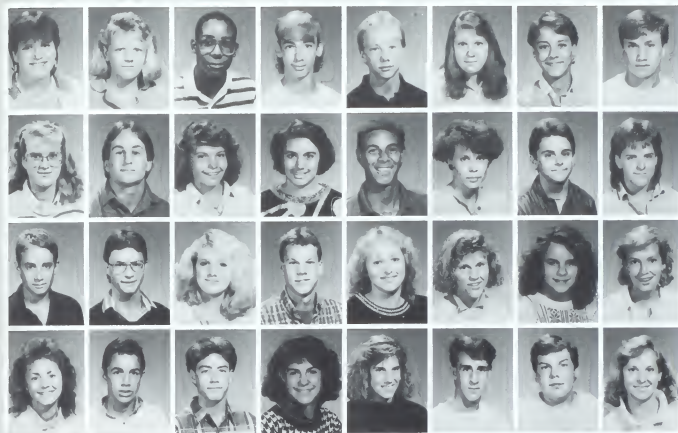


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Gregory Such
Kristin Tight
David Tomaska
Kimberly Tawarak
Mark Trisak



Amy Turner
Steve Tuyschoevers
Catherine Ulanawicz
Jennifer Urbanczyk
Eric Uterback
Cecilia Vaca





Shannon VanVleet
Karen Veal
Matt Walker
Mike Walker
Rick Wall
Amanda Wallace
Aaron Ward
Carey Ward

Lisa Marie Warsaw
Samuel Warsaw
Natalie Wayne
Jennifer Waller
John Whelan
Marga White
Tim Whiteside
Amy Wieden

Samuel Wilkin
Robert Williams
Sandy Williams
Brian Wilson
Julie Wilson
Christiano Wingenroth
Rachel Witmer
Kathy Witmer

Erica Woodyard
James Wright
Jasen Wyatt
Sheri Yerkes
Tricia Zeln
Edward Zell
Kenneth Zeman
Suzanne Zoladz

Not beach attire, but . . . Swimsuits serve their purpose

by Scott Moesch

Folded up inside a dusty locker, it sits waiting to be used again. For 25 minutes it is dragged through churning water, taken through a shower, stripped off and thrown in a basket with 24 others. From there it makes the journey to the laundry room to be swathed in detergent and spun under intense heat. The school swimsuit's tedious routine repeats itself again and again.

Valparaiso High School's mandatory school swimsuit policy has been in effect since 1972, the year the present building opened. The Physical Education Department asked that swimsuits be handled by the school rather than by the students, and the policy has remained.

JUMPING INTO THE shallow end, Mrs. Nancy Ficken's fifth-period swim class prepares for its first activity of the day.

Main reasons for use of the school swimsuits include the elimination of a student's inability to participate. This way students cannot forget their suits and complain about their grades being adversely affected by it. Another reason is that the policy doesn't force students to go out and buy "cool" or "in" swimsuits. The use of school swimsuits also avoids students' wearing revealing or inappropriate swimsuits. "This is not a summer beach party, this is school," Miss Nancy Walsh, P.E. Department chairperson, said. Lastly, mandatory swimsuits eliminate hygiene problems by preventing locker room areas from getting wet and spreading diseases, according to Dr. David Bess, principal.

Although some students would prefer to supply their own suits the school administration has tried to make them feel more comfortable

on a limited budget by purchasing new swimsuits. "No matter what we have, they would complain," Mrs. Nancy Ficken, swim instructor, said.

Walsh felt that on the whole, the school swimsuit policy is beneficial, the system works, and most students like it, although some complain about the restriction or the style. Ficken agreed and said, "If the system were abolished, I think all of the students would realize how fortunate they are."

This method of distributing school swimsuits has been proven to be effective year after year, so, unless a better, more efficient system is found, school swimsuits will continue to make their long, tedious, daily journey through the P.E. areas, pools and locker rooms at VHS.



DR. DAVID BESS, principal, congratulates new National Honor Society members at the December Induction ceremony. Junior Tamli Blomberg receives her membership pin as President Susan Hersemann calls the next name.

JANET SCHOLLENBERGER REPLACED Garth Johnson as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, making her the first woman to hold the position.



SCHOOL BOARD FOR Valparaisa Community Schools — Dr. Mark Reshkin, member; Mr. Robert Malockowski, member; Dr. Robert Koenig, president; Mrs. Mary Moore, vice-president; Mr. Joe Block, secretary.



IN ADDITION TO disciplining Juniors and seniors, Mr. Steve Cronk's duties included arranging soc-hops and dances and supervising Saturday classes.

INITIATING SCHOOL POLICIES and major decisions is the job of Superintendent of Valparaisa Community Schools, Mr. R. James Risk.

Changes alter personnel, policy

By Susy Yelkavac

Seasons inevitably change four times a year. Some winters are colder than the year before, some summers hotter, some autumns and springs rainier. These seasonal changes are unpredictable. Administrators make policy changes in order to ensure a better, more efficient school year. This year, three major changes took place.

For the first time, a proposal was made to add physical education (PE) to students' grade point averages (GPA). During the 1986-87 school year, the Faculty-Advisory Committee recommended that PE be added to the GPA of each student taking it.

"Physical fitness is an important consideration," Dr. David Bess, principal, said. Bess added that the school felt if PE is important enough to be taken by students for two years, the class should be averaged in students' GPA. "We want our students to take their physical fitness seriously," Bess added.

The school administration also saw a major change with the addition of Mrs. Janice Bergesan as assistant principal. She has 14½ years teaching experience, six of those years teaching chemistry at

VHS. Bergesan replaced Mr. Robert Suttan, former assistant principal and athletic director, who left in July 1987 to become principal of Concard High School in Elkhart, Indiana.

Though Bergesan joined Mr. Steve Cronk as assistant principal, neither administrator served as athletic director. In 1987-88, the joint assistant principal/athletic director position of previous years was eliminated.

As assistant principal, Bergesan's main concern is the discipline of freshmen and sophomore students. She also works with attendance, parking permits, and smoking permits. "It's something different every second, and very challenging. I've met a wide range of students," Bergesan commented about her new position.

"We were looking for the most outstanding person," Bess said about hiring Bergesan for the position. "We felt she was that person."

With last year's addition of a freshman class, overcrowding resulted in most areas of the school, including the PE department. In order to alleviate the problem, Superintendent James R. Risk pro-

posed the construction of a new field house for the school. The school board, the State Department of Education, and the Tax Control Board approved the \$3-3½ million project, which will begin construction in spring 1988 and be completed in fall 1989.

The field house will include a 1/9 mile track, gymnastic facilities, batting cages, a weight room, new locker rooms, and tennis, volleyball, badminton, and basketball courts. "Basically, it's a physical education and practice facility," Risk said. The new field house will be used for PE classes, after-school pre-season training, intramurals, park and recreation uses and jogging by the public. "The public has been very receptive," Risk said about the project.

Though VHS was honored with the Presidential Excellence in Education award in 1982, both Risk and Bess recognize that change is often necessary in order to better the school. According to Bess, "We're always looking for improvement, and suggestions are always welcome." Changes are made to ensure a better school atmosphere, and VHS faced several of these changes in 1987-88.



PRINCIPAL DAVID BESS oversees the staff and faculty and curriculum in addition to his many administrative duties. The 1987-88 school year marked Bess' third year as chief administrator at VHS.

NEWLY APPOINTED ASSISTANT Principal Janice Bergesan disciplines freshman and sophomore students. Bergesan accepted her promotion after teaching chemistry six years at VHS.

TARDY STUDENTS WERE hard hit by a new attendance policy, carried out by Mrs. Patricia Benton and Mrs. Rosemary Butt, who compiled and typed attendance bulletins.



COUNTING LUNCH MONEY at the register, Chris Tichy was one of many cafeteria workers who relied on patience and a sense of humor in dealing with students on an everyday basis.



CAFETERIA WORKERS - Front row: Joan Stombaugh, Susan Perry, Lois Bruder, Wilma Luther, Dawn Douglas, June Herr, Ruth Wilson, Lori Cardenas. Back row: Nancy Ritcheo, Vivian Ludington, Betty Nichols, Georgio Prawant, Pat Forsythe, Viv-

ion Breen, Ann Abraham, Marian Osterhout, Lil Swickard, Tray Libassi, Chris Tichey, Becky Claussen, Mary Ilgenfritz, Susan Tylicki, Kathy Dick, Fern Lawe, June Buck, Audrey Hartman. Overseeing the entire staff's function was George Nash, food service director.

IN ADDITION TO secretarial responsibilities, Learning Center secretary Alice Krueger works with equipment schedules, film orders and audio visuals.



Aides, secretaries tackle tasks, keep school running smoothly

By Tom Blomberg

Band-aids and first-aid heal aches and pains while Kool-Aid quenches our thirst. Live-Aid raised money to feed starving Africans, and Form-Aid helped out needy farmers. To keep the school running smoothly, the administration and faculty relied on teachers' aides and secretaries.

Contrary to popular belief, teachers' aides did more than just grade papers and answer telephones. They held a wide variety of responsibilities, arranging for distributing clothes in gym classes and monitoring halls to running the school bookstore.

Teachers' aides also took on many extra-curricular activities, such as sponsoring clubs, coaching teams, and taking tickets at sporting events. "VHS has a unique situation," Elener Nelson, aide, said. "Teachers' aides can be very involved. You can put in as much time as you want to put in."

Secretaries, as well, filled a number of positions in different areas of the school, including the

Athletic Department, Attendance Office, Media Center, Guidance Office, and Main Office.

Typing and filing kept some secretaries busy while others did mailings and kept school records. Some worked with computers, and all dealt with students on a daily basis.

Rosemary Butt, attendance secretary, helped in starting the Student Assistance Program, which provided students with individual counseling. Main office secretaries distributed personal messages, report cards, and parking stickers, as well as assisting students in retrieving articles left at home.

Guidance secretaries assisted students in finding college information and arranging appointments with their counselors.

Some staff members cited students and faculty as the motivation for their time and energy.

Cindy Domazet, aide, explained, "I like working with kids. I worked at the 'Y' before coming here two years ago."

Nelson summed it up, saying,

"We have basically good kids at Valpo. They have a better outlook on life and are more self-confident than they used to be."

But agreed with her colleagues in saying that teachers and the administration greatly respect school secretaries and aides.

Being an aide or secretary may not have been the most glamorous job, but without them the school would have lost an important part of its family and would not have functioned as smoothly.

Pat Higbie, Main Office secretary, summed up her feelings, saying, "I like working here because every day is different. You never know what is going to happen from one minute to the next. Nothing is ever the same. You never know who is going to walk in the office next or what they will want."

As young children look to their parents for guidance, students depended on office staff for assistance which helped to keep all school activities flowing smoothly throughout the year.



Mrs. Marjorie Baranowski - Learning Center secretary
 Mrs. Patricia Benton - attendance secretary
 Mrs. Shirley Birky - laundry
 Mrs. Gretel Bandt - aide
 Mrs. Nancy Brown - aide, girls' frash "B" basketball coach
 Mrs. Rosemary Butt - attendance secretary
 Mrs. Jeanette Dalka - ESL tutor

Mrs. Cindy Domazet - aide
 Mrs. Edie Gee - registrar
 Mrs. Sharon Gatt - main office, Guidance Office secretary, aide
 Mrs. Judy Hawes - food service secretary/treasurer
 Mrs. Marilyn Hayes - guidance secretary
 Mrs. Leah Henriques - food service - car analyst
 Mrs. Pat Higbie - main office secretary

Mrs. John Kaminski - aide
 Mrs. Alice Krueger - Learning Center secretary
 Mrs. Lois McGaugh - nurse
 Mrs. Elener Nelson - aide, FEC sponsor
 Mrs. Nancy Nables - special education paraprofessional
 Mrs. Sharon Nuppnau - career center computer
 Mrs. Virginia Paulauskas - aide

Mrs. Susan Pelaso - principal's secretary
 Mrs. Mary Ryback - P.E. aide
 Mrs. Alice Scheffer - aide
 Mrs. Marge Sorenson - bookstore treasurer
 Mrs. Rachel West - athletic secretary
 Mrs. Barbara Yocum - aide
 Mrs. Susan Zulich - special education paraprofessional

Valparaiso University honors alumni

by Susy Yelkavac

Graduation often signifies the end of an era, when the door closes on nearly two decades of one's schooling. Valparaiso University's Alumni Association, however, gives VU graduates a goal to strive for even after leaving college. The prestigious VU Alumni Achievement Award is given to graduates who have excelled in their professions.

Mr. Arthur (Sam) Rasmussen and Mr. Glen Ellis received this award at a city-wide teachers' meeting August 25, 1987, for their work in the education field.

Rasmussen earned his B.S. in Physical Education and M.A.L.S. at VU and his A.A.S. degree from Concordia College in Brannxville, New York.

While teaching chemistry, Rasmussen also coached cross country and was involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, although

being a part of the Administration of Athletics took up most of his time.

"There are very few things more important than education," Rasmussen said about teaching. "I can't imagine a profession that has more of an impact on society."

Ellis attended VU for four years, the University of Illinois for one year, Purdue for six summers, and has taken additional courses at Indiana University and Ball State. He obtained his B.A. degree from VU and his M.S. and M.A.T. from other universities.

After 28 years of teaching, Ellis has become very involved in school activities. While teaching geometry and two levels of precalculus, he also served as coordinator of the math contests, a member on the faculty committee of the National Honor Society, convocation director, and timer for all home basketball games.

"I try to take an interest in each student, not only concerning his progress in mathematics, but also in his activities both in and out of school," Ellis said.

Years of hard work and efforts over the years were finally recognized. "I was surprised because there were so many deserving alumni from the university," Ellis said.

"It's just something graciously bestowed on you," Rasmussen added about the VU award. He also said he enjoys his work.

VU graduates, through the Alumni Achievement Award, have been given a chance to remember their golden college days even after launching their careers. Years after graduation, outstanding alumni such as Rasmussen and Ellis can again receive recognition for their work, this time without caps and gowns.

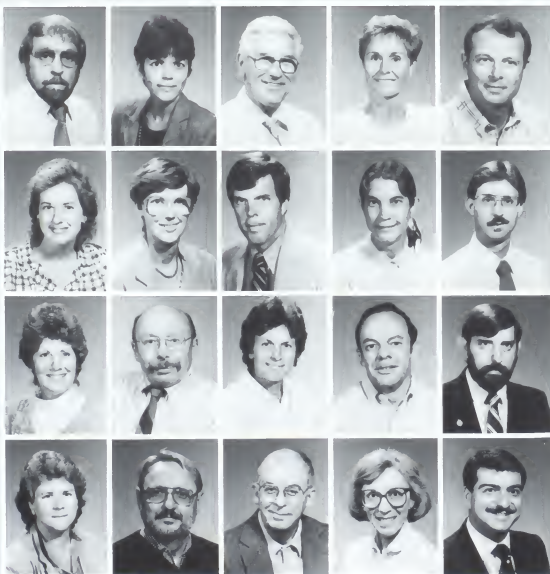
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT Robert V. Schobel presents the VU Alumni Association's Alumni Achievement Award to Mr. Glen Ellis and Mr. Sam Rasmussen at the city-wide teachers' meeting August 25.

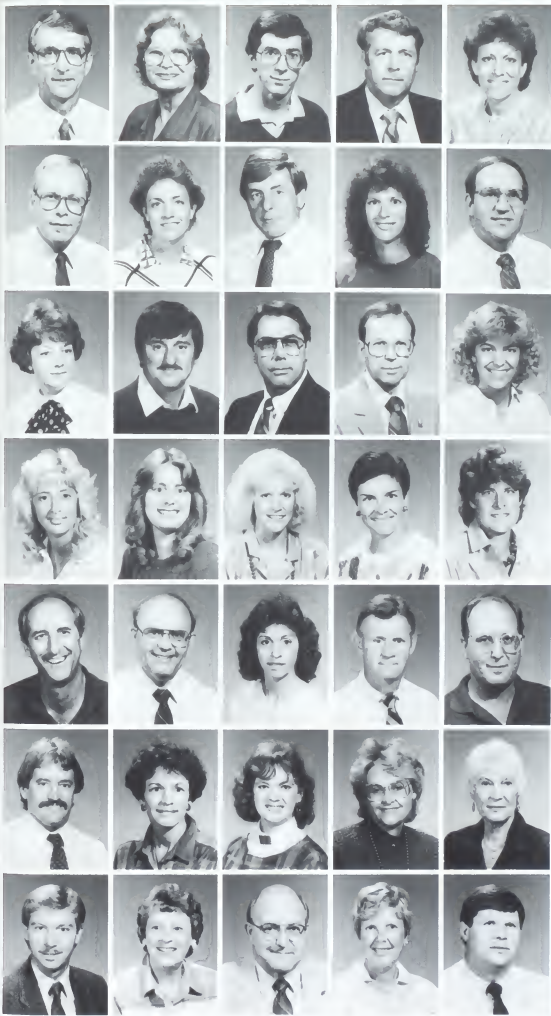
MR. KURT ANDERSON — art dept. chrmn.; art; photography
MRS. VELLA ANDERSON — business; domestic exchange co-sponsor; student assistance comm.
MR. JOHN ANGYUS — industrial technology; VICA; ICT
MRS. MARCIA ARNOLD — Spanish; for. lang. dept. chrmn.; FEC sponsor; fac. advisory comm.; computer comm.
MR. BEN AUSTIN — physics; quiz bowl sponsor; spell bowl sponsor; VALPO

MRS. CHERYL BAGNALL — home economics
MRS. ANNE BAKER — social studies; NHS comm.; NCA steering comm.
MR. ROBERT BARTHOLD — phys. ed.; var. ass't. boys' basketball; ass't. varsity football coach
MRS. NANCY BENDER — social studies; girls' golf team head coach; domestic exch. co-sponsor; academic decathlon co-sponsor; ind. study prog. sponsor; VALPO
MR. TODD BENNETHUM — science; head var. softball coach; ass't. fresh football coach

MS. ELAINE BEVER — guidance; stu. fac. senate; VALPO; staff development comm.
MR. CHARLES E. (SKIP) BIRD — English; head coach boys' swimming; computer study comm.
MRS. ELKE BOWMAN — English; German; JV volleyball coach; German club; stu. fac. senate; parent teacher comm.
DR. WILLIAM BOYLE — science; Intramural basketball
MR. TERRY BRENDEN — English

MS. LIZ BROWN — learning center; media specialist; computer planning; NCA steering comm.
MR. BERNARD BUTT — choral music; carousel swing choir; carousel swing choir.
MR. ROBERT CAIN — art; boys' golf coach.
MRS. DONNA CALZACORTO — business; VALPO
MR. KEVIN CESSNA-BUSCEMI — Spanish; stu. council moderator; natural helpers co-sponsor; FEC sponsor; stu. fac. senate; computer study comm.





MR. DALE CICIORA — related courses; FCA sponsor; natural helpers chrm.
 MRS. KATHERINE CLARK — English; VALPO
 MR. TODD L. COFFIN — phys. ed.; health; athletic trainer
 MR. ZANE COLE — Industrial technology; ass't. director of transportation
 MRS. DAWN COLLINS — learning disabilities; YARC sponsor

MR. HARLEY COLLINS — English; health; head coach boys' basketball
 MRS. JUDY COMMERS — business; DECA sponsor
 MR. JOHN COOK — phys. ed.; head wrestling coach; ass't. football coach
 MRS. LORIE COOK — phys. ed.; head coach var. gymnastics; Intramural gymnastics sponsor
 MR. TERRY COX — social studies; Industrial technology; ass't. football coach; ass't. boys' track coach

MRS. DIANE DAVIS — social studies; stu. fac. council; stu. assistance comm.; Independent study
 MR. STEVE DAVIS — biology
 MR. DON F. DICK — guidance; staff development; fac. advisory; Independent study
 MR. GLEN ELLIS — mathematics; math competition co-ord.; basketball timer; dir. of convocations; Independent studies comm.; NHS comm.
 MISS LISA ENGEN — French; cheerleading co-sponsor; Independent study comm.

MRS. NANCY FICKEN — phys. ed.; freshman volleyball coach; ass't. track coach
 MRS. MARA FIEGLE-HICKS — mathematics; Jr. class sponsor; computer study comm.
 MRS. RUTH FORTNEY — business; Independent study comm.; foreign travel comm.
 MISS DEBBIE FRAY — German; social studies; ticket mgr. fall and winter sports
 MRS. ALICE GAMBEL — speech; theatre; drama club; Thesplan sponsor

MR. CHARLES GEISS — French; Spanish; ass't. var. baseball coach
 MR. DEAN GERBER — learning center director; NHS advisory board; fac. advisory comm.; staff development comm.
 MRS. DIANE GORDON — English
 MR. DALE GOTT — mathematics; phys. ed.; JV football head coach; fresh basketball coach; stu. fac. senate
 MR. GARY GRAY — Industrial technology; JV football; JV baseball

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Assignment option varies

By Susy Yelkovic

When suffering from a toothache, one turns to a dentist. When in need of a loan, one goes to a bank. When students need assistance, they rely on teachers fulfilling their required sixth assignments. In 1985, when a seventh period was added to the daily schedule, school administrators made academic teachers responsible for an additional period of service to the school outside the classroom.

Dr. David Bess, principal, collaborated with academic teachers in distributing sixth assignments which, in most cases, could be chosen by the instructors themselves. Teachers' options included tutoring in their respective areas, research advising, study hall monitoring and serving on the Student Assistance Committee (SAC). Art, physical education and home economic teachers regularly taught six classes per day and were not required to serve a sixth assignment.

Research advisers, who were usually English teachers, helped students in the Media Center with research papers and English assignments.

SAC worked one-on-one with students, helping them work through personal problems. In the science lab, science teachers offered individual help on assignments and any particular problems a student might have had with the material.

"I enjoy being able to help the students and being able to be acquainted with students from other classes," Miss Rhonda Welborn, a first year teacher and science lab tutor, said.

According to Bess, study hall monitors were usually teachers with limited individual time. Mr. Dale Cicloro, who teaches Quest class and is involved in a number of extra-curricular activities, moved from his previous position on the SAC to monitoring study hall. According to Cicloro, "It (monitoring study hall) is a chore, but order must be kept so that anyone who wants to work, can."

Clearly, teachers on their sixth assignments utilized their expertise while providing another option to students in need of assistance.



MONITORING SECOND HOUR study hall in Lecture A is Mr. Terry Cox's sixth assignment choice. Sixth assignments are mandatory for all academic teachers.



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By Jennifer Barker

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Mayor David Butterfield cited a \$400,000 state grant and over \$150,000 in city money as the reason for improving the appearance of Valparaiso's business district.

"Part of the purpose of renovation was to increase parking spaces on the streets,

perhaps to build a new parking lot," Butterfield said. "We're doing some landscaping, with trees and shrubbery and permanent planters for these. We're also trying to improve the lighting downtown," he continued.

Streetscapes and benches added to the charm of the downtown scene, and new awnings gave many

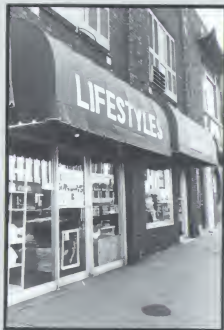
storefronts a touch of class. "We're trying to enhance the classic style we have, which is very unique," City Planner Nancy Pekarek said.

"The downtown improvement project was a great thing for the city," Butterfield said. "There's more activity downtown, and we're seeing more people come into Valparaiso."

Things were looking good as business boomed all over town. While small towns everywhere were being shadowed by larger cities, Valparaiso forged ahead, making a name for itself in a future market.



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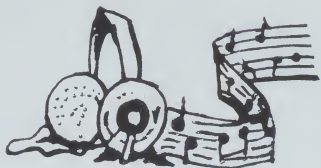


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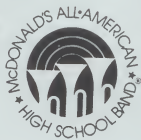
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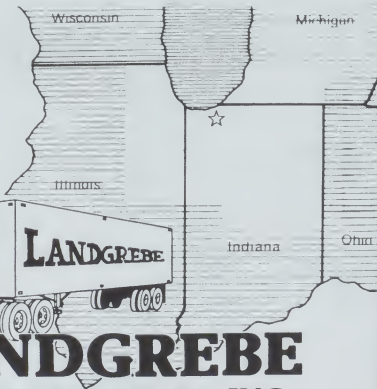


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Making It Work

By Jennifer Barker

Throughout these 208 pages, we have stressed the importance of teamwork and personal effort in academics, athletics, and all extra-curricular activities.

That same delicate balance between collaboration and individual contribution applied to the 1987-88 Valenian staff and accounted for much of our success.

Hard work has its ups and downs, and staffers experienced their share of both. We stretched the limits of our imagination as well as our patience and learned to cope with difficult deadlines and interviews.

Once friendly and cooperative, staffers fought to the finish for the only typewriter with a correction key, though we always reconciled when the time came for a "bash" at Shakey's, or when someone remembered to bring birthday goodies.

Frustration was just another occupational hazard, and we consoled each other when faced with sudden attacks of Writers' Block. We worked until all hours of the night and drank more than our share of caffeine, sighing with relief when inspiration finally hit.

The end product of our time and efforts, of course, is the 1988 Valenian. With this book, we hope to remind our classmates of their high school memories and accomplishments for years to come.

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What in the *World*

By Jennifer Barker

Front page headlines featured an abundance of prominent names this year, making the nation's newspapers seem like a "Who's Who in America."

The country witnessed scandal after scandal, from Washington, D.C. to the Bible Belt, as well as several international visits and the biggest stock market crash since the Depression.

Politics made a splash across the country, beginning with the controversy regarding President Ronald Reagan's Supreme Court nominations.

Nominees, Robert Bork and Douglas Ginsburg underwent months of Senate investigation. Bork was rejected, while Ginsburg cracked under pressure and withdrew from consideration.

Also in the political arena, the Presidential Primaries put candidates to a challenging test. Vice President George Bush captured the hearts and prospective votes of the Republican party, while Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson ran a close race for the Democratic nomination.

One fatal indiscretion knocked presidential hopeful Gary Hart from

the competition. Caught red-handed in an affair with golden girl Donna Rice, Hart lost all chances of a successful campaign and withdrew in shame.

Ironically, religion both contrasted and reflected the sin and corruption which plagued the country. Pope John Paul II spread goodwill and stressed moral values during his 10-day, 17,000-mile visit to seven states and northern Canada.

Not a week went by that Americans didn't hear something about the PTL club's Jim and Tammy Bakker, whose multimillion dollar empire erupted in controversy when church secretary Jessica Hahn exposed her tryst with Jim. Tax evasion and bankruptcy added to their moral decline.

The country said a sad farewell to some beloved icons this year, including director John Huston, artist Andy Warhol, comedian Jackie Gleason, and the legendary Fred Astaire.

Americans had to look no further than the daily headlines to see what was hot and, more importantly, who was who. We concentrated, for a change, not on celebrated events, but on the celebrities themselves.



SCANDAL TUMBLED THE PTL television evangelism empire of Jim and Tammy Bakker, when it was uncovered that Bakker was having an affair with church secretary

Jessica Hahn. Jimmy Swaggart took over PTL but, too, fell to scandal one month later, after admitting he paid a prostitute to perform sexual acts.

HISTORY WAS MADE as President Reagan and Premier Gorbachev of the Soviet Union signed a nuclear arms control agreement, banning the manufacture and use of



READY TO GREET on estimated million American Catholics. Pope John Paul II began his nine-city tour of the United States with a visit to the White House. A highlight of the tour was a televised program in which the Pope was serenaded by a young, armless man who sang and played the guitar with his feet for the pontiff.



short-range missiles. The treaty was signed by the two super-power leaders during a three-day summit in December.



SEVERAL INCIDENTS BETWEEN the United States and Iran have caused constant tension in the Persian Gulf area since the U.S. began escorting ships through the war zone in July 1987. These incidents include oil platform destruction, mine laying, and the sinking of ships.

RUNNING A CHILL throughout world economy, the Dow Jones average plunged 508 points, taking \$500 billion from the market value of U.S. securities on Monday, October 19. This day became known as "Black Monday" after the "Black Tuesday" of the 1930's depression crash.

PARKING WAS A minor hassle as work began in May on a \$2 million sports complex on Valparaiso High School's west side. The sports complex is expected to be ready for use during the 1990-1991 school year.

TRUE TO THE structures of its time, the Lembke Hotel remained standing even after wrecking balls smashed through its walls. It took several weeks to totally level the 100 year old building.



AS A GUEST of the Tri Kappa Sorority of Valparaiso, Indiana University's Coach Bobby Knight spoke to a sellout crowd in the Valparaiso High School gym. Knight gave his speech and then conducted a question and answer session.

LOWENSTINE'S, VALPARAISO'S ONLY department store, closed its doors last year after going bankrupt. Lowenstine's is the third major store to move out of the downtown area in five years.



RAPIDLY CHANGING, VALPARAISO acquired several new businesses during 1987-1988. Plans to put Taco Bell on the

Memories in

By Jennifer Barker

Collaboration combined with personal effort figured into students' success as they looked back on high school memories and anticipated the future.

Through school involvement and extra-curricular activities, we staked out a place for ourselves, as individuals and as a student body.

We cheered when both the American High School Mathematics Team and the Concert 'A' Band took the gold at State contests. 'A' Band members carried on the winning tradition they began in 1985 by grabbing the much-covered State title.

Sports fans welcomed the notoriously independent Bobby Knight, Indiana University's famed basketball coach. Knight spoke about his winning team and his tendency to stir up controversy and delivered an inspiring pep talk.

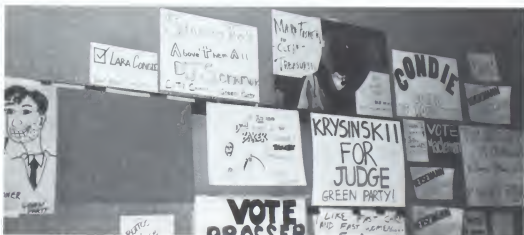
Friends and strangers came together as a family in the school's times of tragedy. We mourned the death of junior John Meeker, to whom the Drama Club dedicated its April Antics program.

Fond memories and future plans

coincided as we said a last goodbye to the old and welcomed the new. Valparaiso landmarks like the Lembke Hotel and Lowenstine's made way for new establishments, while downtown business boomed.

As it celebrated 15 years in its present location, Valparaiso High School continued to look ahead. Construction began in April for the addition of a field house at the rear of the building. The student body and the community can look forward to enjoying the facility upon its completion in the fall of 1989.

Events like these came together to create an unforgettable time for all at VHS. Whether we were rooting for the home team or suffering through mid-term exams, it was all a part of the invaluable, lasting high school experience. We formed a solid background that would carry us through the future and down the long road to success. Another school year behind them, students gave their memories a special place in their hearts, and together they carved their own special place in the not-so-distant future.



IMAGINATIVE POSTERS MARK the beginning of another Student Government Day campaign. The works-of-art

were one way that student politicians could make a play for the popular vote.



corner of Glendale and Calumet went into action as the house on that corner was leveled.

We've made a *name*



PERFORMING THE TUNES that made them Number 1, the Valparaiso High School "A" Band was honored May 17 at a convocation. The band captured the state championship and proceeded to "Make a name for themselves" as Indiana's number one band.

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office of National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 85 and over has increased by 0.5 million.

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop services to meet the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for ageing, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people. The strategy is based on the following principles: older people should be able to live independently, safely and comfortably; older people should be able to participate in the community; older people should be able to access the services they need; and older people should be able to live in their own homes.

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